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CRISIS MAY DEVELOP FROM BURMA DECISION

Japanese Protest Foreseen

A JAPANESE PROTEST AGAINST THE BRITISH DECISION TO REOPEN THE BURMA ROAD IS EXPECTED ON THE GROUND THAT IT IS CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF THE THREE-MONTHS' AGREEMENT, WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE INCLUDED A TACIT UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION OF THE CLOSURE.

Japan is also likely to claim a violation of the letter and spirit of the Arita-Craigie agreement last year under which Britain recognised the special position and needs of Japan regarding China and disclaimed any intention to aid or abet Japan's enemies. — *Reuter.*

WARNING TO AMERICANS CONFIRMED

It is confirmed in Washington that instructions have been given to American consulates to advise all American nationals in the Far East to return home.

These instructions apply particularly to women and children, and to men not engaged on essential work.

According to Shanghai reports, the advice applies to Manchoukuo, Japan, China, Indo-China and Hong Kong.

Some 9,000 people are said to be affected. — *Reuter.*

State Department officials in Washington declared that the U.S. Consulates in China, Japan and elsewhere in the Orient had been instructed to suggest to U.S. citizens the advisability of utilising the transportation facilities at present available. — *Reuter.*

U.S. CONSCRIPTION

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the \$1,500,000,000 Defence Appropriation Bill which provides funds for the 1,400,000 conscripts due to be called up between now and July 1, 1941.

The appropriation raises the total cash and contractual authority voted by Congress for the current fiscal year to slightly over \$12,000,000,000. — *Reuter.*

SOVIET INFORMED ON BURMA ROAD

In announcing the Government's decision about the Burma Road in the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Halifax stated that we had satisfied ourselves that the United States Government's views on this question were wholly in accord with our action and the Soviet Government had been kept informed of our decision. — *Reuter.*

ANGLO-RUSSIAN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

It is learned in official quarters in London that Sir Stafford Cripps saw M. Molotov towards the end of last week and discussed the general situation with him. — *Reuter.*

MR. CHURCHILL'S STATEMENT

BURMA ROAD AND AXIS-TOKYO PACT

ANNOUNCING THAT Britain could not see her way to renew the agreement for closure of the Burma road after October 17, Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday commented on the Axis Japan pact which he said was aimed directly at the United States.

Mr. Churchill wondered whether there were not some secret clauses in the pact, and added that neither of the branches of the English-speaking race was accustomed to react to threats of violence by submission.

Three months ago, Mr. Churchill declared, we were asked to close the Burma road and we acceded because we wished to give an opportunity to the Governments of Japan and China to reach a just and equitable settlement of their long and deadly quarrel.

Unhappily this had not been reached; on the contrary, the protracted struggle of Japan to subjugate the Chinese race was still proceeding with all its attendant miseries. We much regretted the opportunity had been lost but in the circumstances His Majesty's Gov-

ernment proposed to allow the agreement about the closing of the Burma road to run its course to October 17, but they did not see their way to renew it after that. (Cheers).

Axis Gain

Mr. Churchill declared that the three-power pact into which Japan had just entered appeared to be so unfavourable to Japan that he wondered whether there were not some secret clauses.

It was not easy to see in what way Germany and Italy could come to the aid of Japan. (Continued from Page 1)

Lord Lothian's Holiday Cancelled

IT IS ANNOUNCED FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, LORD LOTHIAN, HAS CANCELLED HIS PLANS TO RETURN HOME ON LEAVE, BECAUSE WHITEHALL FEARS THERE MAY BE A CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST AS A RESULT OF THE BRITISH DECISION OVER THE BURMA ROAD.

Lord Lothian made a statement to this effect upon leaving the White House after a conference with President Roosevelt arranged at Lord Lothian's request.

While declining to give details to reporters, the Ambassador indicated clearly that Far Eastern matters were discussed.

Questioned on how soon the British Government thought the Far East crisis might develop, he said it "might come through the re-opening of the Burma Road."

He explained that he had arranged to fly to England on Sunday, but "the trip did not look so good on Monday" and was cancelled yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull had a meeting during the day with Mr. Horinuchi, the Japanese Ambassador, who is shortly leaving for Japan, having been recalled.

Japan Told

Mr. Horinuchi had already bade farewell formally to Mr. Hull and he was summoned specially to the State Department where he had a forty-minute conversation with Mr. Hull.

It is understood that the Secretary of State placed his views on the Far Eastern situation before him to take back to Tokyo.

In a heart to heart talk, he is believed to have sounded a warning about where Japan's attitude is leading her. — *Reuter.*

PURCHASE TAX

The Purchase Tax comes into effect in Britain on Monday week. — *Reuter.*

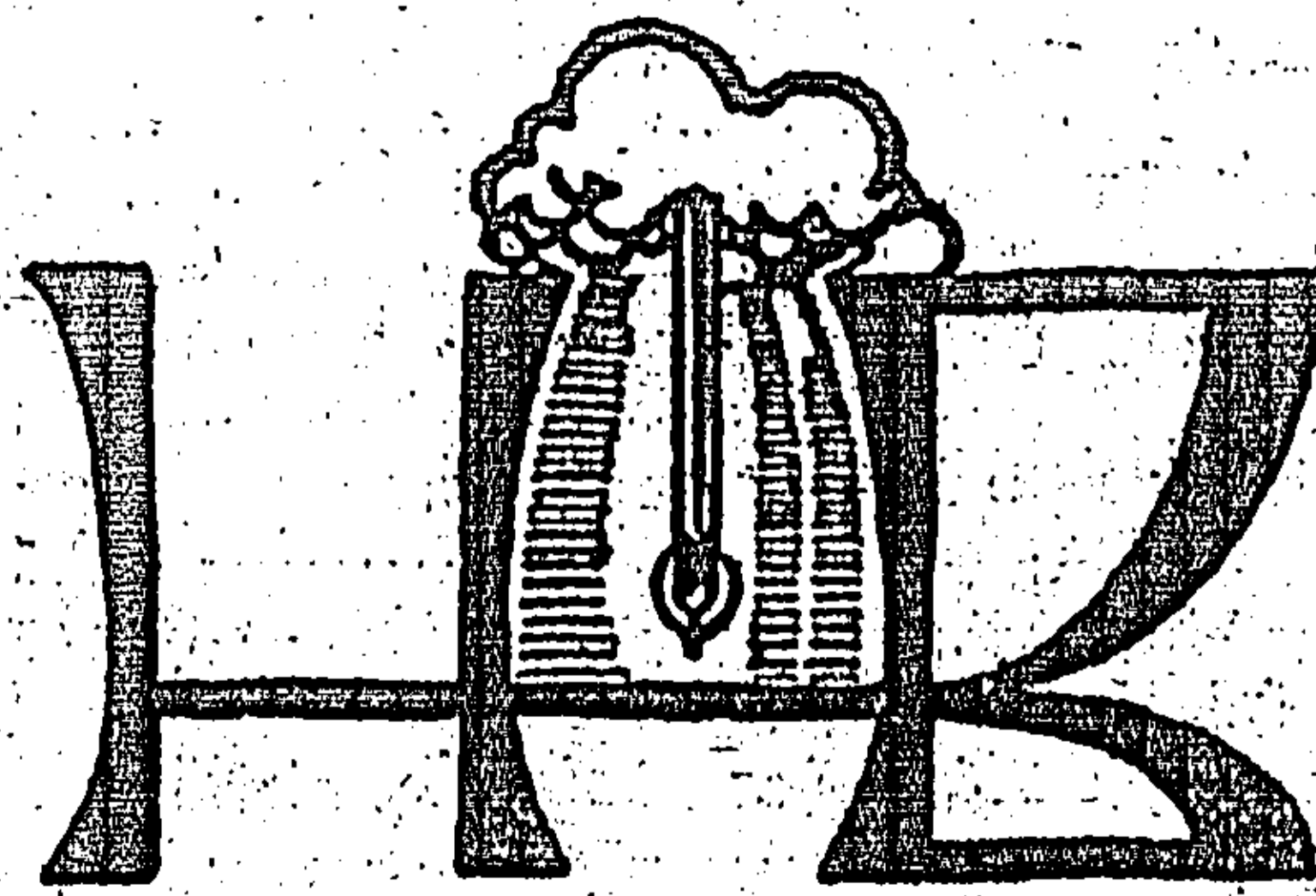
Bomb Hits London Bus PRINCESS KILLED

Princess Catherine Galitzine, a Russian princess who was a close friend of the Duchess of Kent, to whom she was distantly related, was killed during one of London's air raids yesterday.

The Princess was 49 years of age and was travelling in a bus to her work in the Postal Censorship Department when the bus was struck by a bomb.

With her husband, who was an officer in the former Russian Imperial Guard, she has lived in England for the past twenty years. — *Reuter.*

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

NAZI ADVANCE INTO RUMANIA

Number Of Troops Involved Screened By Censorship

BRITAIN DEMANDS EXPLANATION

Sir Reginald Hoare, the British Minister, has asked the Rumanian Government for an immediate elucidation of the situation arising from the apparent intention of Germany to garrison regular German troops at strategic points in Rumania.

Earliest date when German troops are expected to reach Rumania in any force is Thursday. They will probably arrive at the Danube port of Giurgiu.

British officials in Bucharest yesterday acknowledged that if German troops were garrisoned in Rumania their presence would probably be incompatible with the maintenance of a British mission in Bucharest.

Britain's position in Rumania thus depends upon the reply given by General Antonescu, the Dictator, to Sir Reginald's representations.—Reuter.

Hungarian Breach Of Neutrality

AXIS PROPAGANDA AND THE RUMANIAN CENSORSHIP CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A COMPLETE SCREEN OVER THE NUMBER OF GERMAN TROOPS GOING TO RUMANIA, THEIR PURPOSE AND DESTINATION.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent points out that this secrecy is a characteristic feature of all important political moves of the Axis until the object has been accomplished.

Whether the troops are intended as guards to the oilfields, as suggested in Berlin, as training troops, as Bucharest despatches state, or for the purpose of fulfilling the guarantee to Rumania, as some hint, the upshot will undoubtedly be that Rumania will be under German control, military, police and political.

Gestapo agents have been conducting their characteristic activities in Rumania for some time.

The maltreatment of Britons recently arrested bears the hallmark of German methods.

Hungary Involved

One interesting question is how the troops entered Rumania. It may well be proved that Hungary has followed the precedent set by Sweden and Finland.

When unimpeded passage of German troops has been allowed, Britain has registered a formal protest. Incidentally, Rumania's action is giving these troops hospitality is an even greater breach of neutrality.

At one moment during the Polish campaign last year, it was suggested that the Germans were concentrating troops on the railways running from Poland into Rumania, but the quick advance of the Russian forces and their annexation of this portion of Poland cut off this line of communication for the Germans.

The Russians have since altered the gauge of the railway to the broad Russian standard.

Fully Equipped

A Bucharest report states that the first contingent of German troops now sailing down the Danube is complete with equipment, including tanks, anti-aircraft batteries, anti-tank guns and aviation units.

After arriving at Giurgiu, the troops will proceed to the Prahova and Buzau districts and to Targoviste, near Bucharest, where they will construct an air base.

Anti-aircraft guns will be set up in the oil zones and at the terminus of the oil pipeline at Giurgiu.

German war material has been pouring into Rumania in recent weeks in unprecedented quantities. Its value has been so high that the Rumanian trade balance with Germany has been converted from a credit to a debit quantity.—Reuter.

MEDIUMS MAY VISIT DEFENCE AREAS

Spiritualist mediums have been officially "recognised."

The Government regards them as persons with legitimate business reasons for visiting the restricted areas between Berwick-on-Tweed and Weymouth.

By restricting entry of persons to these areas, the Government had placed local Spiritualist churches in a difficulty. They were unable to obtain the services of mediums, speakers, and demonstrators.

The Spiritualists' National Union took up the matter with the Ministry of Home Security.

Now the Ministry has agreed that Spiritualist "platform workers," as they are called, shall be provided with special identity certificates bearing their photograph and the Union's seal.

SEIZURE OF FRENCH SHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

According to a semi-official statement issued in Vichy, the French garrison at Djibouti is facing famine as the result of the British action in seizing the French s.s. Esperance.

It is stated that the Esperance was intercepted by a British warship when en route from Madagascar and taken to Aden where her cargo was confiscated.—Reuter.

NORWEGIANS DETAINED

When the American Clipper plane arrived at New York from Europe yesterday it was revealed that two Norwegian shipping representatives, Anders Wilhelm and Holter Sorenson, had been removed from the plane by the British authorities in Bermuda.—Reuter.

CLASSIC RACES CANCELLED

The Newmarket meeting on October 16 and 17, including the Cambridgeshire and the substitute St. Leger Stakes, has been cancelled. It was stated in London yesterday.—Reuter.

HIMMLER GOING TO MADRID

Close secrecy is being observed in Madrid regarding the forthcoming visit to the Spanish capital of Herr Heinrich Himmler, the Nazi Gestapo chief, and General de Bono.

News of the intended Axis visit has been announced inconspicuously in the Spanish Press.

No comment is forthcoming and correspondents cabling the news abroad are not permitted to give more than the bare facts, as published by the newspapers in Madrid.

Reports of the movement of German troops into Rumania are also given very little prominence.

Spanish correspondents in Berlin speak with one voice of the close collaboration between Germany and Rumania, but there is no speculation conflicting with the semi-official German statements regarding the reasons for the entry of the German troops.

Considerable attention, on the other hand, is being paid to the possibility of British-United States collaboration in the Pacific.—Reuter.

AALAND ISLANDS DECISION

The Finnish Diet sitting at Helsinki yesterday decided to authorise the Government to conclude an agreement with the U.S.S.R. regarding the demilitarisation and non-fortification of the Aaland Islands, in accordance with a Bill tabled by the Government.—Reuter.

TROOP TRAINS CROSS IN FROM TRANSYLVANIA

ACCORDING TO REPORTS received by Reuter in London, German troops to be stationed in Rumania crossed into Rumanian territory yesterday afternoon.

Two trains carrying a total of 4,500 fully equipped soldiers crossed the frontier from Transylvanian territory.

When questioned by the authorities, the report adds, they stated that in the first instance they had come to Rumania to defend the oil region and secondly they had come as instructors to the Rumanian army.

It is understood that fortification works at Giurgiu, in the oil region, and Buzau are on the point of completion ready for the installation of the latest German A.A. batteries.

Special machinery has also arrived from Germany for enlarging and levelling existing Rumanian military aerodromes.

Official Statement!

Only shortly before the reported arrival of German troops, the British Legation in Bucharest had received a statement signed by Luca Sturdza, Rumanian Minister for Foreign Affairs, declaring "There is not a single German regular soldier on Rumanian soil to-day." The statement was confirmed by the War Ministry.—Reuter.

WORKERS' COLLEGE CLOSING

Ruskin College, Oxford, oldest residential college for workers in the world, will not reopen next year.

An official statement to this effect was issued by the Governing Council.

The Governors state: "They have decided with very great regret that the number of students available owing to the incidence of the Military Service Act and other war-time claims, does not justify the reopening of the residential work of the College next year."

"They intend, however, in the meantime to continue, and, if possible, expand the work of the Correspondence Department, and hope, as soon as circumstances justify, to reopen the College for residential purposes."

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8,000 Killed In Month Of Air Raids

CHEERFULNESS AND CONFIDENCE WAS THE KEYNOTE OF MR. CHURCHILL'S LATEST STATEMENT ON THE WAR SITUATION, DURING WHICH HE DISCLOSED THE DECISION TO RE-OPEN THE BURMA ROAD.

A month has passed, said the Prime Minister, in opening, since Hitler turned his rage and malice on the civil population and Britain's great cities.

He had declared he would raze our cities to the ground and since then he has been trying to carry out his full purpose.

Naturally, the first question we should ask is to what extent the full strength of the German bombing force has been employed. The best opinion I have been able to form, on what is necessarily to some extent a matter of speculation, is that after severe mauling on August 15, the German short-range dive-bombers, of which there are several hundred, have been kept carefully out of the fight.

This may be because they are being held in reserve to play their part in the general plan of invasion or to reappear in other theatres of war.

We have, therefore, to deal with the long-range heavy German bombers alone. It would seem that taking day and night together, 400 of these machines have visited us every 24 hours. No doubt concentrated efforts could increase the figure for a few days at a time, but this would not sensibly affect the monthly average.

Certainly, said Mr. Churchill, there has been a considerable falling in the last ten days and during the month that has passed—since heavy bombing began—we have had a steady decline in casualties and in damage to property.

Speaking of the Dakar incident, Mr. Churchill said that by a series of accidents and some errors, which had been made the subject of disciplinary action or are now subject to formal enquiries, neither the First Sea Lord nor the Inner Cabinet were informed of the approach of French warships to the Straits of Gibraltar until it was too late to stop them passing through.

Raid Casualties

Mr. Churchill also said that since the mass attacks on Britain commenced, nearly 400 long-range heavy bombers have on an average visited our shores every 24 hours.

It was doubtful whether this rate of sustained attack could be greatly exceeded.

Up to last Saturday, air raid casualties were about 8,500 killed and 13,000 wounded.

Since heavy raiding began on September 7, the figures of killed and seriously wounded had steadily declined from over 6,000 in the first week to just about 5,000 in the second, about 4,000 in the third, and 3,000 last week.

Mr. Churchill said that Mussolini had some experiences ahead of him which he did not foresee at the time when he thought it safe and profitable to stab the stricken and prostrate French Republic in the back.

Referring to reprisals, Mr. Churchill said that our object must be to inflict the maximum harm upon the war-making capacity of Germany and that was the only object we shall pursue.

German Bombing

Mr. Churchill said that the Germans claimed to have discharged 22,000 tons of explosives upon Britain since the beginning of the war. They claimed that on last Thursday week, 251 tons were thrown upon London in a single night. On that particular night, 180 persons were killed.

That was to say that it took a ton of bombs to kill three-quarters of a person. Therefore the deadliness of attack in this war appeared to be only one-thirtieth of that of 1914-18.

Mr. Churchill gave Britain's shelter system as an explanation. Mr. Churchill declared that it would take ten years at the present rate for half of the houses of London to be demolished but quite a lot of things were going to happen to Hitler and the Nazi regime before even ten years were over (cheers).

Sterile Controversy

Asking his hearers not to go into a sterile controversy on the subject of what were or were not reprisals, Mr. Churchill declared that no-one must look forward to any relief from bombing merely from winter weather but he added:

"It may be that some new method will be devised to make the wholesale bombing of the civilian population by night or in fogs more exciting to the enemy than it is at present."

Declaring that he would not foreshadow any of these measures Mr. Churchill said, amid laughter and cheers: "It would be much better for us to allow our visitors to find their own way to their homes in due course by practical experience."

Declaring that they must have a shelter with sleeping bunks for every person in areas liable to constant attack, in the shortest possible time, Mr. Churchill announced that large schemes were already on foot for providing food and hot drinks for those who sleep in shelters and also for entertainment through the winter evenings.

Compulsory Insurance

Widespread organisations for relief of those whose homes were smitten were already in being and were being expanded.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer had virtually completed preparation of a bill for nationwide compulsory insurance against damage to property from the enemy's fire. (Cheers). Everyone could be covered and covered with retrospective effect from the beginning of the war.

Government also proposed to provide insurance against risk of war damage for all forms of moveable property, including household effects.

"Thus," said Mr. Churchill, "we shall be able to prove to all that Hitler's act of mass terror against the British nation has failed as conspicuously as his magnetic mine and other attempts to strangle our seaborne trade."

Invasion Danger

Referring to the promised invasion the Prime Minister declared:

"Do not let us be lured into supposing that the danger is past."

"On the contrary, unwearied vigilance and the swift and steady strengthening of our forces by land, sea and air which is in progress must at all costs be maintained."

"The enemy has certainly got plans to throw half a million men in a single night on to the salt waters—or into it." (Laughter).

Mr. Churchill declared that the main reason why an invasion had not been attempted up to the present was the succession of brilliant victories gained by British fighter aircraft.

The three great days of August 15, September 15 and September 27 had proved to all the world that over our own island we had mastery of the air.

Tremendous Fact

This was a tremendous fact. These victories of the Air Force enabled the Navy, which was now receiving very great reinforcements, apart altogether from the American destroyers now coming rapidly into service, to assert its sure and well tried power.

In the air, both in fighters and bombers, we were at this moment, after all these months of battle, substantially stronger, actually and relatively, than we were in May.

The pilot situation was rapidly improving.

No-one, Mr. Churchill went on, had ever pretended that we could overtake Germany's immense lead in the first year or so of war.

"We have a long lapse to make up. We must give ourselves a chance. Perhaps it will be possible to make a more satisfactory statement on this subject at this time next year."

No Prophecies

Referring to the reinforcement of the British armies in the Middle East and elsewhere, Mr. Churchill said that he would make no prophecies about what would happen when the British, Australian, New Zealand, Indian and Egyptian troops came to close grips with the invader who was now making his way across the desert towards them.

"All I will say is that we are doing our best and there, as here, we feel a good deal better than we did some time ago."

Referring to the Dakar episode, Mr. Churchill said this operation was primarily French and though they were ready to give it a measure of support which might, in certain circumstances, have been decisive, they were no more anxious than General de Gaulle to get involved in a long and sanguinary conflict with the Vichy French.

Larger Cause

After paying a tribute to the judgment of General de Gaulle, Mr. Churchill said Government had no intention whatever of abandoning General de Gaulle's cause until it was merged, as merged it would be, in the larger cause of France.

The whole situation at Dakar was transformed in a most unfavourable manner by the arrival there of three French cruisers and three destroyers which carried with them a number of Vichy partisans evidently of a most bitter type.

These partisans were sent to overawe the population and to guard the defences.

Efforts Failed

The policy which His Majesty's Government had been pursuing

TURKISH TALKS WITH SOVIET

Haydar Atkay, the Turkish Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. left Istanbul for Moscow yesterday to resume his post.

Mr. Atkay returned to Ankara at the beginning of September to report to the Turkish Government.

Meantime, the German Ambassador, von Papan, has returned to Ankara after three weeks' vacation in Istanbul.—Reuter.

Of the four French vessels concerned, two succeeded in regaining Dakar while the other two were overtaken by British cruisers and were induced and persuaded to return to Casablanca without any actual violence.

The fight which ensued between British ships and shore batteries at Dakar, reinforced with the 16-inch guns of the damaged Richelieu, was pretty stiff.

Two Vichy submarines which attacked the fleet were sunk. The crew of one were happily saved.

Two French destroyers were set on fire, one of the cruisers badly hit and the Richelieu herself suffered further damage.

On our part, a battleship and a large cruiser suffered damage which, though it had not prevented them steaming and fighting, would require considerable attention when convenient.

Spain's Needs

Mr. Churchill concluded with a reference to Spain.

There was, he said, no country in Europe which had more need of peace, of food and trade than Spain.

All Britain sought was that Spain should not become a channel of supply to our mortal foe.

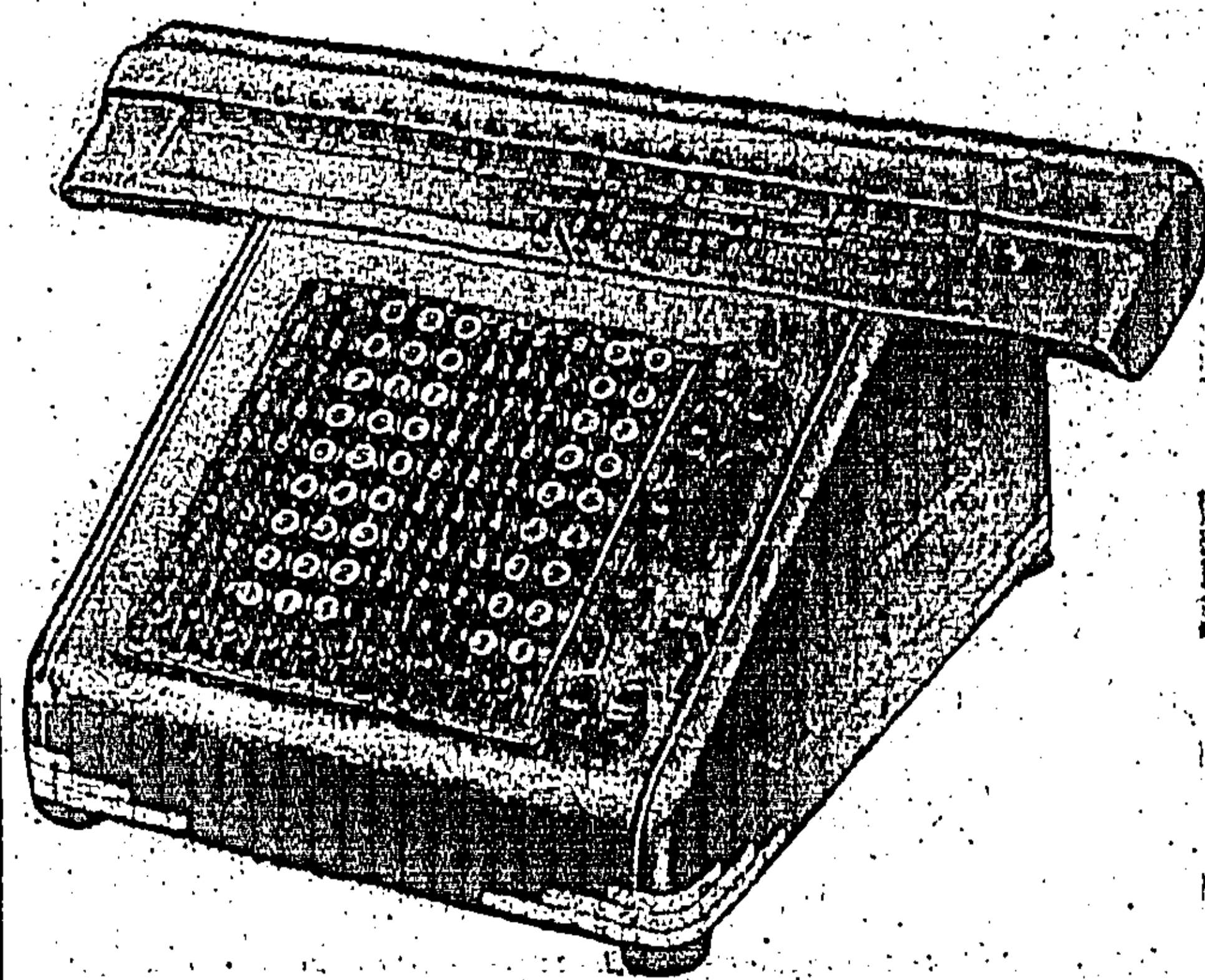
Britain looked forward to see Spain take her rightful place as a Mediterranean power and a leading and famous member of the family of Europe and Christendom.—Reuter.

MORE DESTROYERS TAKEN OVER

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COWARDLY EVASIONS BY THE RUMANIANS

SOME OF THE circumstances attending the new development in Rumania are a matter of direct concern to Great Britain, declared the London "Times" in an editorial yesterday on the entry of German troops into that country.

During the past fortnight several leading British businessmen have been arrested and no regular judicial proceedings instituted against them; the protests of the British Minister have been met by the Rumanian Foreign Minister with cowardly evasions.

Unhappily the evidence available shows that some or all were subjected to physical violence in order to extort confessions of sabotage in the oil fields.

The alleged revelations obtained by this process is one of the pretexts of the Nazi action. It need hardly be said that the charges are a hollow sham. Throughout the earlier part of the war, Rumania was bound by ties of alliance with France and Britain. Nazi tactics of sudden and provoked attacks on neutral countries had become familiar and it would have been criminal negligence on the part of the Rumanian Government not to have made plans to prevent such an attack for the destruction of oil wells and other objects of military value.

Revoking Hypocrisy

In drawing up such plans the British and French managers of the oil fields and engineers might well have been consulted.

Whether any of them are now under arrest for taking part in such consultations is impossible to say but the Rumanian authorities are guilty of the most revolting hypocrisy when they make such projects the pretext for the brutal maltreatment of British subjects. The methods adopted are, unfortunately, too like those employed recently against British subjects in Japan to leave any question as to the ultimate source of their inspiration.

But it would be a grave mistake for those who perpetrate and condone such outrages at the instigation of Berlin to suppose they are doing themselves or their country any good.

Day Of Reckoning

These things will be remembered on the day of reckoning. The latest movement doesn't seem likely to produce any marked effect on the situation in south-east Europe or counteract or influence the almost undisputed control exercised by the British Fleet and once more illustrated by the recent operations in the eastern Mediterranean.—Reuter.

COMMITTEE TO SPEED SALVAGE

Whitehall is to take its share in the new Salvage Campaign. An Inter-Departmental Committee has been set up to secure greater liaison between the salvage activities of the Ministry of Supply, which is responsible for the campaign, and other services and departments.

Mr. R. C. Morrison, Labour and Cooperative M.P. for Tottenham, is to be chairman of the committee, on which will be represented the Admiralty, War Office, and other Ministries.

Mr. Herbert Morrison has suggested that the Committee should exchange information on salvage work and methods of departments concerned, recommend new action when desirable, and circulate data.

Tottenham Borough Council, which has a modern and efficient salvage service, is putting in a new plant for processing pig-food which will treble its capacity.

S.O.S. FOR GLASS

Glaziers are having a busy time on the south-east coast. They are working from dawn to dusk replacing windows shattered during air raids—windows in shops, houses and hotels.

Nearly all the broken windows are those which had not been treated with anti-blast material or strips of adhesive tape. Even those that have been treated are often cracked so badly that they are in danger of falling in, and have to be replaced.

But there are no flying splinters from them, and local A.R.P. officers are urging a greater use of counter-blast material.

Whenever our guns go into action against enemy planes or bombs are dropped, the glaziers stand by waiting for the hundreds of urgent calls which come directly the batteries cease fire.

One glazier told the press that after a fierce strafing of enemy planes the other day, his men put 164 panes of glass in house windows.

One housewife said that all the windows in her house had been shattered and replaced three times.

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During a night raid warning Mr. Bob Pratt carefully carried a round object on a long-handled fire shovel from his flat in a South-West town.

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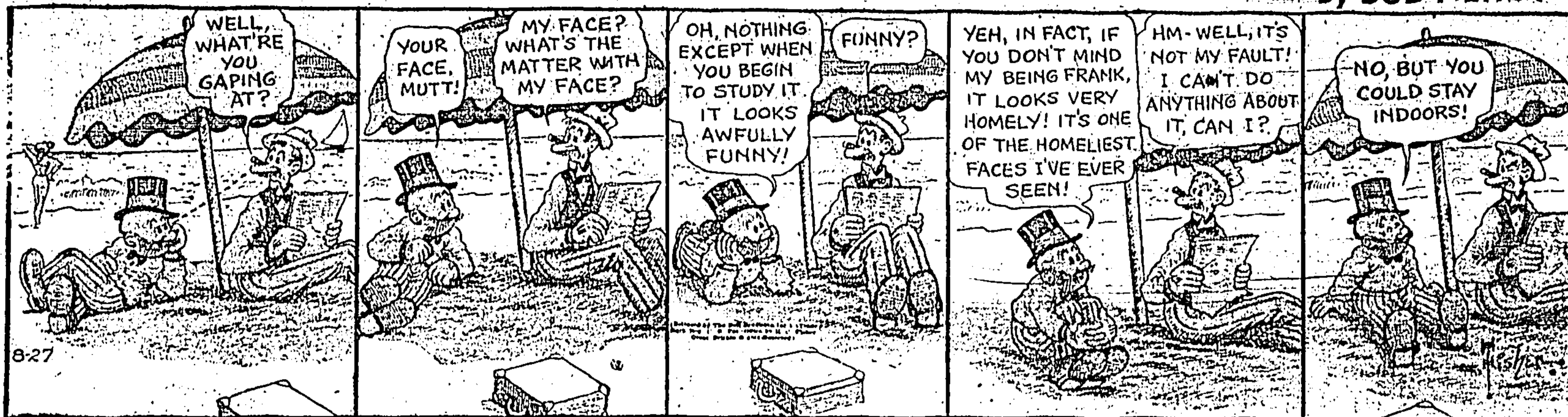
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- 14 Network of threads
- 15 Island of Napoleon's exile
- 16 Compressed
- 18 Piece of ground
- 19 Chinese measure
- 20 Prophets
- 21 Prefix, not
- 23 Pronoun
- 25 Moslem name
- 27 Small particle
- 29 Sahnoun support
- 33 To narrate again
- 35 Stories
- 37 Central American Indian
- 38 French novelist
- 40 To drink
- 41 Swiss river

VERTICAL

- 2 To leak
- 3 High
- 4 Courtesy
- 6 Ancient philosopher
- 7 Trough for cooling ingots
- 8 To exonerate
- 9 Greek letter
- 10 To the sheltered side
- 11 To demolish

10 Maple genus

- 11 Cots
- 17 Worm
- 22 Nothing
- 24 Former president
- 25 Limb
- 26 Meadow
- 28 Spanish cooking-vessel
- 29 Indo-Chinese language
- 30 The condition of having more than one wife or husband at once
- 31 War god
- 32 Viper
- 34 Babylonian deity
- 36 The lily
- 39 Wise saying
- 41 Deed
- 43 Galloped
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GERMAN PARACHUTES FOUND

Hundreds of troops searched the countryside around a small market town in the Midlands following information that German parachutes have fallen in the district.

Seventeen parachutes bearing Nazi markings were found within a radius of six miles of the town, but though every field has been scoured by the military or the police no trace of parachutists has been discovered. No crashed planes have been found to show that any airmen baled out.

Early in the day the drone of aircraft was heard continually, but no bombs were dropped in the neighbourhood, though members of the Home Guard, on duty on the church tower, saw the flash of bombs and the bursting of anti-aircraft shells several miles away.

It is thought that one heavy Nazi plane was over the town for a considerable time. There was a vivid display of searchlights, but the only air raid warnings given were in neighbouring villages and lasted only a short time.

In the early morning, two members of the Home Guard on patrol in a village a few miles from the town heard what they described as a swish and saw a parachute with no occupant land in a field. They gave the alarm and the church bells were rung in view of the possibility of parachutists descending.

Home Guard Search

Military headquarters were at once informed and a considerable number of troops were sent to the district, while the Home Guard turned out in force to join in the search.

Before the morning ended the parachutes had been discovered, most of them in the fields. They are said to be capable of bearing a weight of 400lb., although the average weight of a man is only about 150lb.

They were found complete with harness and the haversack which holds the silk, but with nothing else attached. There seems little or no evidence that they have been actually used for landing of any enemy troops.

Rumours that Nazis had been found in the district have no foundation, according to the local police. No trace of any landing has been discovered.

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A nephew of the Archbishop of York, Frederick Stephen Temple, of High Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex, who, it was stated, had seen arduous service in Finland and Norway as an ambulance driver with the Friends' ambulance unit, applied at the London Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal for exemption from military service on ground of his religious convictions.

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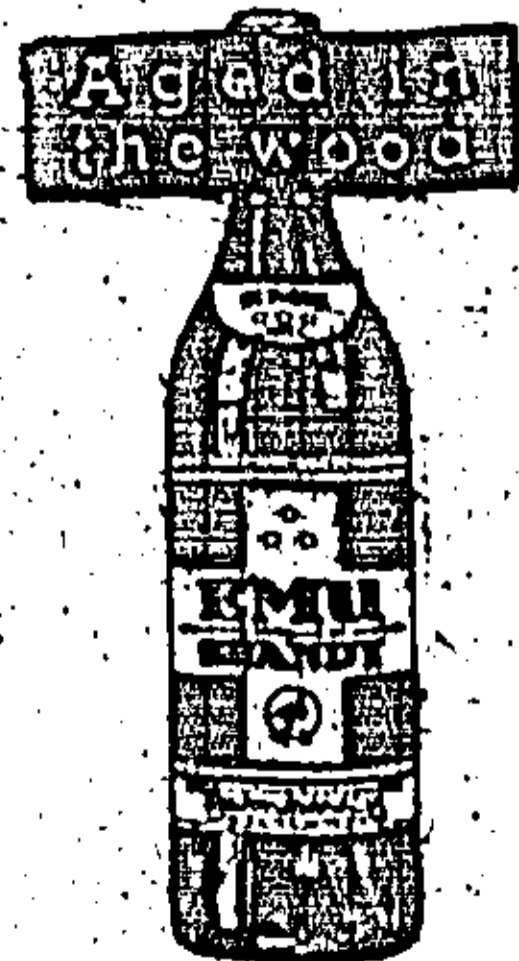
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HOW BRITISH FORCES LEFT BERBERA

THE HOPE EXPRESSED in some quarters that our forces in British Somaliland would be able to hold the Italians has not been realised.

The position was that we had a wide front to defend, with a series of hills on the north side penetrated by the Tugargan Pass, a dried-up river bed which becomes a torrent when it rains. The defence was prepared as well as possible in the hills, there being practically only open desert between them and Berbera.

It was never contemplated that a defence force so slender as ours could hold the Italians. Although our fighters and bombers gave invaluable support, it was expected that the Italians would reach Berbera in a week.

Italy sent three brigades of Abyssinians to deal with the Tugargan Pass. When the strength of the opposition was discovered a brigade from Italian Somaliland was brought up, with considerable artillery. Native troops came from Dire Dawa, moving only at night and lying in the shade of trees during the day. They brought 25 tanks, three of which the Somaliland Camel Corps destroyed at the outset.

Italians Quarrel Over Food

Supplies were brought by mule pack, but our resistance at Tugargan upset the Italian plans and created a shortage.

An insight into the food situation was given by African colonial troops who escaped after being taken prisoners. They returned wearing only shorts. They explained that Italian officers had taken the rest of their clothing and quarrelled over their iron rations.

The British had some five infantry battalions as well as the Camel Corps. The Italians had the advantage that they could continually replace tired by fresh troops.

The invasion began on Aug. 4 and by Aug. 11 the Italians had reached the main position at Tugargan. A four-day battle ended with the fall of Observation Hill, the most important of our defence positions. A minor position, Mill Hill, which had greatly assisted Observation Hill by the accuracy of the Camel Corps' artillery fire, was taken on the 13th. From there the Italians concentrated on the key position, which was defended by a company of African colonial troops and a Camel Corps battery mortar detachment.

Odds Of 15 To 1

Here, as elsewhere, the odds varied from 15 to 1 to 10 to 1. The Italians launched two brigades and turned on all the artillery they could bring up. We were enfiladed by a dozen machine-guns. For two days our slender garrison resisted the murderous onslaught, but in the end had to submit to superior force and retire as best they could. But they left their mark on their opponents, who suffered serious losses.

All this time two companies of African troops and two companies of Indians were holding the hills to the east of Mill Hill against forces estimated at a brigade at least, with full artillery support. Positions were repeatedly lost and retaken by brilliant counter-attacks.

The African and Indian troops behaved magnificently, and held on remarkably under incessant machine-gunning and bombing. With the fall of Observation Hill it was clear that the position was no longer tenable and that evacuation was inevitable. Berbera is one of the worst places in the world for the organisation of an evacuation in which time is essential. It stretches for two miles along a low-lying shore, extending only a quarter of a mile inland.

There are no facilities for shipping, neither harbour, quays, cranes nor wharves. An additional difficulty was that at this time of the year the Kharif wind rages from midnight to noon, making navigation dangerous. Ships at anchor are often driven aground. Work is possible for only six hours at a stretch.

Immediately the war extended to Somaliland the Navy, seeing that embarkation was going to be a difficult business, got going quickly. An all-tide jetty was improvised, and proved invaluable during the evacuation. Even then weather conditions imposed periodical interruptions.

Natives Go First

Naval ratings were landed to replace the police, who were disbanded in their own interests. First step in the evacuation was the embarkation of the non-indigenous population and the personnel of the base, to make room for the troops arriving from the interior. Hundreds of Abyssinians, Somalis, Arabs and Indians with their families and belongings had to be dealt with.

On both shore and in ships the work went on calmly, and in order, with good temper on all sides. Although the slowness of the refugees with their heterogeneous belongings was most tantalising, there was never an angry word from the sailors.

In one merchant ship I watched two young bearded giants, junior lieutenants, standing at the foot of a steep ladder, literally lifting men, women and children, one after another, bodily half-way, others hauling them aboard. No weight or encumbrance daunted them.

The seamen were gentleness personified, but they had to show some firmness in handling the native women who were terrified out of their wits at the new venture. The spectacle of these hapless folk, to most of whom the uprooting savoured of the end of the world, calmly allowing themselves to be hoisted aboard strange ships for an unknown destination, was most inspiring.

"Lord Of The Seas"

Surely it was a tribute of the confidence which, despite the present troubles, they still put in "el Amir el Bahr," which means Lord of the Seas, the name they give to the King of England.

On the Friday and Saturday night positions were prepared behind the front line, and the advanced forces retired through them after a fierce battle at Barkasan lasting from 10 a.m. until dusk. The Italians attacked desperately with three brigades. Their food position was precarious and they hoped to reach Berbera quickly.

The advance of other troops along the coast from Zella, was intended to coincide with this push and cut off the coast. This plan failed, as did the Barkasan attack.

The Italians, in close formation, were simply mown down, although, as one man put it, "where we shot down one, five sprang up in his place."

Scots' Bayonet Charge

Late in the afternoon a Scottish battalion counter-attacked, with fixed bayonets and drove off the enemy with severe losses, to which must be added the large number of native levies who, turning to flee before the fury of the Scots, were shot by Blackshirts standing behind. Later the Scots gave the Blackshirts a severe drubbing.

In the withdrawal, this same Scottish battalion added to its laurels by manhandling an anti-tank gun from the line through intense machine-gun fire to a forty 1,000 yards distant.

MESSAGE FROM DEAD SCIENTIST

Any claims by mediums to have communicated with Sir Oliver Lodge since his death or to have divined the substance of the sealed letter left by him, will be carefully investigated by the Society of Psychical Research, before the message is opened.

Mr. Harry Price, hon. secretary of the University of London Council for Psychical Investigation, stated that he expected that hundreds of unreliable mediums and clairvoyants would claim to have received messages from Sir Oliver. "The Society," he said, "will have to be particularly careful because, once the message is opened, it might be seen by a number of people, and its value as a test would be lost."

"Even if a medium of repute should divine the message it would not prove survival. A medium of good repute might be so well acquainted with Sir Oliver that he might have learned the contents of the message by telepathy while he was alive, and unconsciously reveal it during a seance. Or again, mediums and clairvoyants might divine the contents merely by handling the letter itself."

It was pointed out that Sir Oliver's death took place on the 62nd anniversary of his wedding.

The Italians were so exhausted and had been so heavily punished by the R.A.F.'s continuous long-distance patrols that they were unable to hinder the evacuation from the land, and only put up a small and innocuous air raid.

Through the night we watched an unending procession of transport of every description winding across the plain towards the shore.

Not A Hitch

The actual embarkation started at 1 p.m. on Saturday and continued through the night into the following afternoon. Anxious eyes ever scanned the sky and watched the desert for signs of the enemy, but the Italians were too busy licking their wounds, and all passed off without a hitch and without interference. Indeed, the moment selected for the withdrawal could not have been more opportune.

It was a remarkable achievement, for a high wind was blowing and a heavy sea running most of the time, making it impossible for lighters and difficult for launches to navigate. Except for a very few outlying posts, who are still being picked up by the Navy, the whole force was embarked. The greatest credit is due to all concerned for the successful handling of such a large number of troops and civilians.

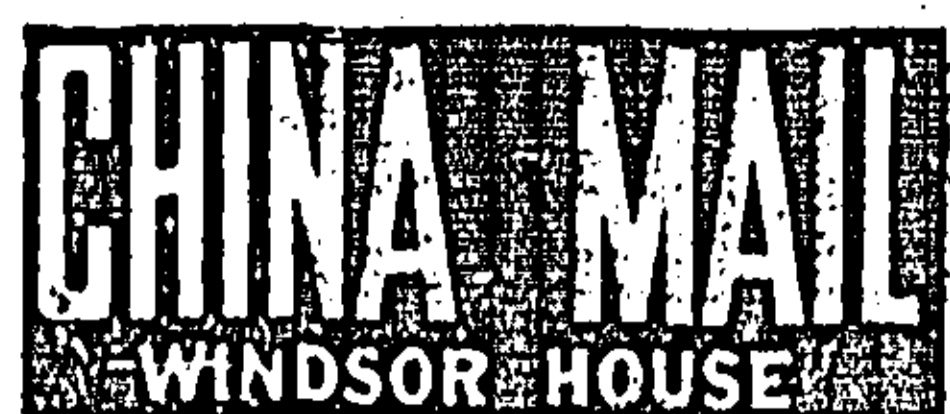
Saving The Stragglers

The tireless Navy, as usual, had the lion's share of the work and saw to everything, particularly the stragglers, for whom again and again they went out specially to rescue. In one case we saw from the ship two figures far along the coast, wearily making their way to Berbera.

A boat was sent out, and when it was impossible to reach the beach the sailors waded ashore and carried the stragglers in their arms to safety. They were African soldiers.

With an impressive naval escort the convoy of ships, a tug drawing two barges with guns and Bren carriers, bringing up the rear, steamed from Berbera. The last view of the capital was a column of black smoke, a sign of the final sacrifice of equipment that could not be embarked.

Before she sailed a warship bombarded the residential part of the town, now empty of people. The Union Jack was still flying on Government House when we left. Maj-Gen. Godwin-Austen, before leaving assured Government servants and pensioners that the British Government would seek the earliest opportunity of fulfilling obligations to them, either by arrangement with the Italians or some other intermediary. The whole of the British force reached Aden safely.



Air Force Win Wherever They Go

THE AIR CAMPAIGN

Britain can, at the moment, only strike directly at Germany's military strength through the air, but the world is expectant—waiting for the time when land action will be feasible. Several hints have come lately that the British authorities are beginning to visualise the possibilities of invasion—when the British air arm has gained absolute supremacy of the air. In the meantime the continuous bombing by the Royal Air Force is a remarkable accompaniment to the superb resistance which British airmen are making in Britain.

The story of the war in the air is commonly told in terms of courage and endurance. As Mr. Churchill remarked: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." But the battering of Germany and those territories under her sway is based on something more than skill and daring. If one studies the daily reports, it is seen that the centres bombed form part of a concerted bombing programme.

It has been impossible for the men in the street to keep more than a very inaccurate list of the military targets bombed, so that the statement just issued by the Air Ministry that 200 targets have been receiving particular attention is of added interest. The appointment of the new Chief of the Air Staff, Sir Charles Portal, described as the "relentless chief of the Bomber Command" is equally welcome in that the "master plan" evolved for air operations is reported to be largely due to his initiative and daring.

German bombing methods up to this time have not been anything more than a witless dropping of bombs when and how the pilots can release them. The results, while being tragic in so far as the loss of civilian life and property are concerned, have done remarkably little damage to Britain's vital points, and as the Board of Trade recently pointed out, have utterly failed to prevent a continuous flow of exports abroad.

The careful scrutiny of Germany's industrial bases is the work of men who have devoted long months to mapping and charting every item of Germany's economic life.

Five separate periods are distinguishable in the first year of the air war; the first being the period of waiting which immediately succeeded the declaration of war, the second the Norway campaign, the third the events which began with the invasion of Holland and Belgium and culminated in the battle of France, the fourth the Dunkirk evacuation and the fifth the battle of Britain, which may be said to have begun June 18, when the first large-scale air raids on England were launched.

Air action in each of these periods was distinct. In the first it was mainly confined to coastal and overland reconnaissance, leaflet dropping, and, by the Germans, sporadic attacks on ships. Only twice during this period were there forerunners of the bombing actions that were to come, first, on the day after the declaration of war when the Royal Air Force made what has been known ever since (though somewhat inaccurately) as the "Kiel raid," and, second, when, following a German raid on Scapa Flow in which for the first time bombs were aimed at land targets, the Sylt raid was undertaken by the Royal Air Force. A second big raid on Sylt was made on March 19.

In France, during the early or waiting stage, the reconnaissance work was done by individual machines. German aeroplanes, frequently of the Dornier 17 type, came over the French lines flying at a great height and took photographs. British and French machines went over Germany, also taking photographs. But the activity which attracted most attention was the extensive leaflet dropping that was done by the Royal Air Force. The leaflets were scattered over northern and western Germany, and on the first raid six million were dropped.

There were indications early in the war of that supremacy in combat which was later to be reaffirmed with such vigour by the Royal Air Force. Whenever the Royal Air Force met the enemy it gained the ascendancy. And all the time this limited air activity continued the Royal Air Force was preparing itself for much sterner work to come. Probably the manner of that preparation was not at the time clear to the enemy. It consisted not only in increasing the strength of the Air Force, but also in active service training. The reconnaissance and leaflet-dropping flights helped to train our pilots and enabled them to amass knowledge of the disposition of the German defences. All this time aircraft of the Coastal Command were maintain-

They follow day by day every change in the ways and means of the enemy's output and distribution. These men whom Sir Charles Portal must have utilised to the very utmost, carry on their valuable work behind the lines unknown to the world at large, but on their knowledge and foresight depend the accuracy of the plans formulated by the Chief of the Air Staff. That these men are doing their work well is evidenced by the successes of the R.A.F. pilots and of their new leader and chief.

That Germany is feeling the heavy blows acutely is now clear to all. Herr Hitler is seeking other ways of attack having failed ignominiously in his vaunted capture of Britain. But the R.A.F. raids, inexorable in their calm persistence and force, are systematically lowering his striking power and preparing the way for the final attack which he will meet on land.

ing a watch over the seas and helping to convoy British and Allied shipping and to destroy enemy submarines.

In January and February a great many "hit and run" individual attacks were made on British shipping. The Germans employed evasion tactics, using cloud cover to escape British fighters. Nevertheless, Royal Air Force fighters took their toll.

A special duty devolving upon the Bomber Command of the Royal Air Force, in addition to the leaflet raids, was the "security

By
Major Oliver
Stewart

patrol" over the Frisian Islands. This had become necessary in order to check the activities of enemy mine-laying aeroplanes. All night British bombers circled over the German bases and prevented flare paths from being used.

The interest now turns to Norway. On April 9, the invasion of Denmark and Norway was announced. Immediately there was an intensification of aerial activity. Enemy cruisers in the Norwegian fjords were bombed and afterwards various aerodromes occupied by the enemy were repeatedly attacked. Stavanger was bombed

almost incessantly, mainly by Wellington aircraft.

Allied operations in Norway, however, were hampered by the absence of an air base there. An heroic attempt to establish one was made by a squadron of Gladiators, but it failed. The Royal Air Force succeeded, however, in shooting down many German aeroplanes and in maintaining a heavy bombardment of the German occupied aerodromes in Norway and Denmark so that every step taken by the enemy cost heavily in men and machines.

On May 10, the third period of the air war began with the invasion by Germany of Belgium and Holland. The Royal Air Force now had to be extended in aid of the Allied armies in the field and consequently much of its specialised air work had to be held in abeyance. Its bombing forces went into action. It was engaged on such tasks as destroying bridges and harassing German communications, attacking German supply columns, troops and tanks.

As the German armies advanced over France so the work of the Royal Air Force, both bombing and fighting, was intensified until it came to a head at the Dunkirk evacuation. In a relatively small part of France, and centred on Dunkirk, most of the British Expeditionary Force with French and Belgian troops, were cut off from the rest of the French Army. The object of the Germans was to destroy these troops. Their aim was foiled, by the Royal Air Force, which put up so fierce a defence that not only did the Germans fail in their main object of destruction, but they also lost heavily.

June 1, the German air arm suffered its most serious reverse up

to that time: 78 German aircraft were shot down or damaged over or near the Dunkirk beaches for the loss of sixteen British fighters. This was really the beginning of the establishment of Royal Air Force ascendancy. All the time during the battle of France British output of aircraft had been accelerating. Trained crews were coming out in greater and greater numbers; squadrons were reaching Britain from the Dominions. So at Dunkirk there were signs that the tide was beginning to turn in favour of the Royal Air Force.

And now we come to the concluding stage of the first year of the air war. This was the opening of the battle of Britain. June 18, was the date of the first large-scale raid and it was immediately followed by raids of increasing weight and frequency. Working near their own country the Royal Air Force now began to exert to the full its newly found strength. Enemy losses mounted day by day. Working over Germany it counter-attacked with heavy and incessant bombing raids on military objectives such as oil stores, railways and armament factories. These raids into Germany, persistent, heavy and destructive, showed the offensive fighting spirit and power of the British Air Force, and its capacity to pierce the German defensive system.

The great and growing strength of the Royal Air Force was beginning to tell. Not only was the numerical disparity in favour of the enemy being removed by British manufacturing output aided by the United States and the Dominions, but enemy losses were beginning to eat into the resources of the Luftwaffe (German Air Force). The concluding stages of the first year of the air war, in fact, showed that the Royal Air Force was on its way to mastery of the air.

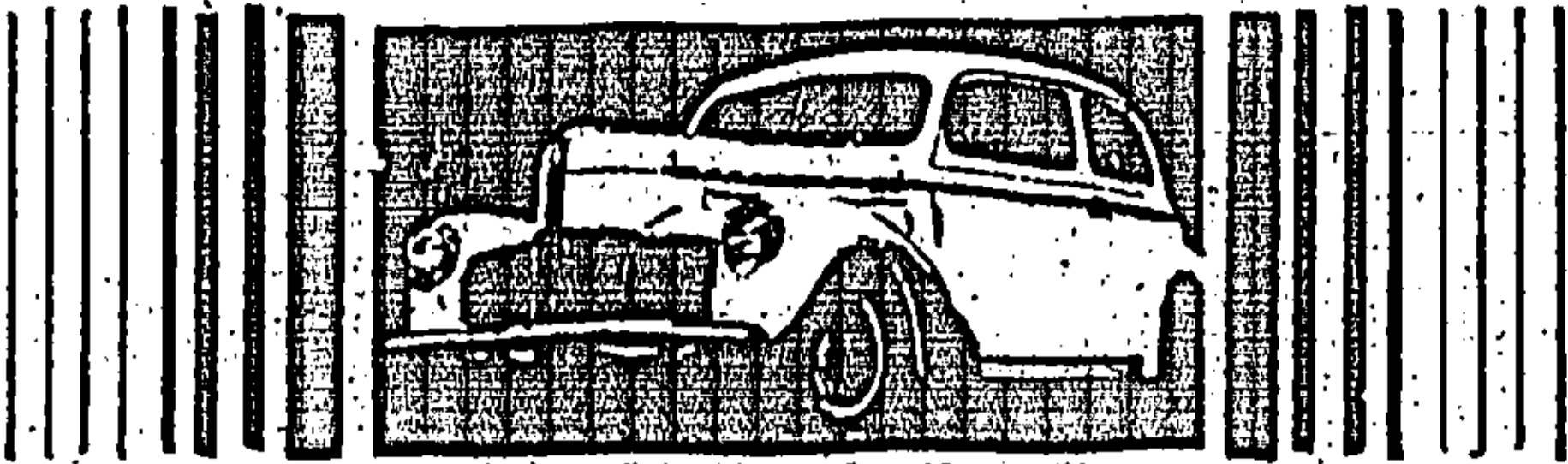


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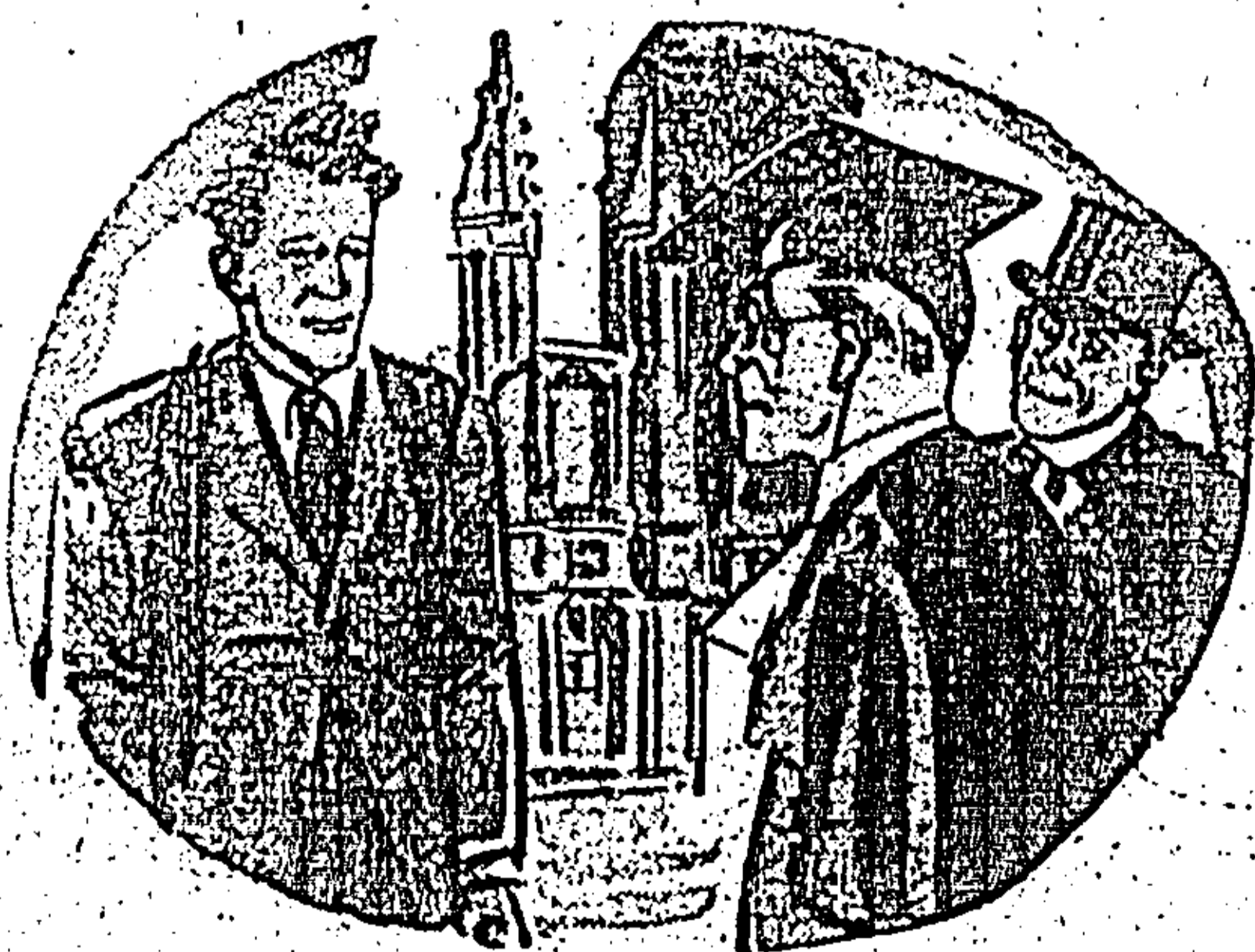


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UP THE SPOUT

"Your name and college, Sir?"
"Digby, Sir, St. Marks."
"I watched your recent exploit Mr. Digby—it had a certain element of daring."
"Yes, Sir."
"But no element of originality."
"No, Sir."
"It will be necessary to send workmen up in the morning to remove the object—not without some danger to life and limb."
"Yes, Sir."
"From your appearance and your manner Mr. Digby, I assume that you are celebrating some event of great

importance—some outstanding academic achievement no doubt."
"Yes, Sir."
"H'm—my advice, Sir, is that you retire to bed immediately, having first taken a long draught of Rose's Lime Juice. Its therapeutic effects may help you to face the wrath to come in the morning."
"Thank you, Sir."
"And by the way—I notice you chose the long way up. Actually there is a shorter way. I remember in '08 or was it '09—H'm, H'm, Good night."
"Good night, Sir."

VIVID STORIES OF RAIDS ON CROYDON

WHEN I ARRIVED at a district just south of London where bombs were dropped during the luncheon hour, the air raid siren was sounding a warning for the second time, writes a correspondent.

But this did not cause any panic among people who had just recently been bombed. They took shelter at once.

Soon the sky was filled with Spitfires and Hurricanes flying in formation and singly. This time nothing was heard of the enemy, and the All Clear came in a short time.

The afternoon raid damaged some working-class houses, in which people had some narrow escapes, blew out windows of a large modern inn and killed one pedestrian.

Warning Ignored

This man had repeatedly been advised to take cover, but obstinately remained in the main thoroughfare of this district scanning the sky. He was killed instantly.

An old soldier, now a member of the Home Guard, said to me: "We got the warning just in time. For 15 minutes it sounded like the battle of the Somme. The machine-gun fire and the anti-aircraft din was terrific."

Another man, whose wife and family and two children, evacuated from Folkestone, were in the Anderson shelter when five bombs fell within a distance of about 100 yards. "Our little shelter trembled, but we suffered no shock and no damage, though our windows are broken. The daughter of a woman staying with us told me that she was on a common in this district which was deliberately machine-gunned by the enemy."

South London people saw a Nazi plane brought down when an air raid warning sounded after planes had been heard overhead. A battle was in progress over south-west London, but the planes were too high to be seen until a large black German bomber swooped down out of the sky.

Family's Escape

A woman whose house was partly demolished by a direct hit from a bomb said: "Immediately we got the warning, mother, father and we four children took refuge between the kitchen and the scullery. We have no shelter."

"There was a tremendous explosion, and the house seemed to be coming down on top of us, but none of us was hit except that mother was cut in the leg, but not seriously. We got out of the house without much difficulty."

An eye-witness said to me: "I thought the plane was coming down to machine-gun the streets, but as it flattened out at a low altitude I saw black smoke coming from it."

"It was obviously out of control, and I thought it was going to land near me, but it swept past and disappeared, losing altitude all the time." The plane is believed to have crashed later.

Between 50 and 100 raiders took part in an attack on the Croydon area in the morning, I learned. High-explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped near a railway line. An office adjoining a station was demolished but the track was undamaged. A member of the Home Guard on duty was killed.

Three German planes flew low over one place, machine-gunning two air raid wardens. They escaped by crouching in the road.

Other damage in this district included the windows of a multiple store blown in, the roof and the first floor above a green-grocer's shop ruined, and also that of the cafe next door, but all the occupants were sheltering at the time.

Soldier Badly Wounded

I am speaking from a public telephone box, the glass of which is cracked by the shock of bombs dropped a hundred yards away near where 250 customers from a public-house were sheltered. The landlord said to me: "When the siren sounded I immediately asked all these customers to leave. All went to one shelter outside,

except a Canadian soldier and a civilian who stayed in the hall. "While I was outside I saw 14 German bombers overhead flying in formation pursued by Spitfires. I ran indoors and took cover. In a few seconds there were heavy explosions, one just in front of the house."

"This was the bomb that damaged several shops. Those who live above them had taken cover in the same shelter, but the two in the hall were struck by splinters. The soldier was badly wounded and I hear has since died. The civilian was seriously injured. A pedestrian just outside who did not take cover was killed. All the windows of my house were shattered."

The bar counters of this inn were pitted with splinters, and when I called the landlord's young son in Boy Scout's uniform was chiselling them out.

A bus conductor stated that two vehicles were machine-gunned from the air while running for shelter and narrowly escaped being hit. According to a railway employee, a station was machine-gunned.

A small bus was machine-gunned in one area and a Green Line coach escaped machine-gun bullets by pulling up quickly.

PEIPING WOMAN'S "DIVINE POWER"

A 54-year-old woman who has been claiming the divine power of healing by the use of incense ash and who has established a paying business in the North has been arrested by the Peiping police.

A raid on her house unearthed a quantity of paraphernalia used for religious sacrifices and a number of scrolls presented to her by patients whom she was supposed to have successfully treated. She is facing the Peiping court on charges of practising medicine without a permit from the authorities.

LINDBERGH ROAD UNPOPULAR

Residents in Lindbergh Road, Ipswich, so deplore the "anti-British attitude of Colonel Lindbergh," that they are petitioning for the name of their road to be changed. They suggest that it should be named after an R.A.F. hero.



B Sinclair Lewis' story of a north Woods love triangle comes to the screen with Patricia Morison and Akim Tamiroff playing two of the principal roles. It is "Untamed," which opens at the Queen's to-day.



Debonair Ray Milland, as a city doctor in "Untamed," coming to-day to the Queen's Theatre, plays a leading role in a primitive love drama set in the North Woods. Story was filmed by Paramount in Technicolor.

THE SILENT BOMB

Indications of two mysterious "secret weapons" have appeared in the latest series of Goering's hit-and-run raids on Britain. Both appear completely ineffective. They are:

- (1) Craters caused by bombs which no one heard, although there are houses close by.
- (2) A powder dropped in small white packets from a plane.

The "silent" bombs were apparently dropped at two places in the S. E. and one in the N. W. A large crater was found in the S. E. not far from occupied farm buildings. It was not there the previous day and although various people were on duty within 300 yards at night when the bomb must have exploded no one heard the explosion.

Parts of the bomb have been recovered and are being submitted for examination. No damage was done.

Some experts put forward the theory that the bomb fell in soft earth and that the sound was blanketed by a building.

Riddle

The powder is an even greater mystery. A raider dropped a quantity of it in small white packages. The police took possession of them.



Ray Milland, Patricia Morison and Akim Tamiroff are at the centre of the romantic whirlpool in Paramount's "Untamed" the Technicolour production at the Queen's. Sinclair Lewis' "Mantrap" served as original for the screen story.

GOEBBELS WORKS OVERTIME BUT FEW BELIEVE

DOCTOR GOEBBELS is lying like the very devil. There is nothing new in that. He has been doing it for years and years. It is his particular part of the Nazi technique. All the same, it is interesting, and maybe significant, that just now he should be working overtime.

All across the world — quite literally "from China to Peru" — he is trying to spread the story that the war is finished; that Britain is down and out, ready for surrender; that Hitler has won.

Desperately, he wants to have that believed in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, in America. I don't think even Goebbels hopes to kid the Australians.

But he has hopes of all the rest. Anyway, he is trying hard.

Old Technique

Not so long ago his radio told the world (Europe and the Far East in particular) that the London correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News" had wired to his paper that Southampton is a wrecked and ruined port.

Now, in fact, what the "Daily News" correspondent had cabled that day was a bit different. He had not mentioned Southampton by name at all.

He had just said that, by all the reliable evidence he could collect, the German bombers in all their raids had not even seriously damaged one aerodrome or port, or shipyard or munition work of any military importance.

They had put just one factory out of operation for 24 hours. And that is all.

That's the truth. But Brother Josef Goebbels badly wants to tell the world that Britain is down, out, terrified, starving and on her beam ends.

It is his old technique of attempting to win campaigns by bluff and intimidation. He is trying to persuade the Americans that it is no good trying to help these British.

He is trying to kid the European neutrals that Germany has won the war already and that they had better come to terms with her quickly.

He is trying to kid the Japanese that if they want to back a winner they ought to back Hitler.

As to the Italians, he doesn't worry. Mussolini has to do what Hitler tells him, anyway.

Kidding Stalin

It is interesting to watch this Ananias-campaign of Goebbels. Because he often gives things away without meaning to.

His trouble is that he has to keep saying different things to

different people. And it is so hard to remember them all.

That elaborate business of the "documents" found in a train in France was to convince the Soviet Government that Russia's real, implacable, enemy is Britain, that Germany's victory is the first condition for Russia's security.

Quite different is the story being scudulously broadcast in the East—both near and far.

The Balkans are being told this tale:—

"Your danger is from Russia. You suspect Germany because she is the ally of Russia.

"You think that because Hitler has let Stalin take Karelia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Bessarabia he and Stalin are friends.

"Not a bit. Between ourselves, we are fooling these Bolsheviks. Just as we fooled the British at Munich.

"We are simply kidding them along.

"It is going," say Goebbels' whisperers, "to take us a month or two to deal with Britain. After Britain—Russia.

"Don't think anything in those plains can stop our armoured divisions.

"You Balkan people, remember we are the big noise. We've smashed France; we shall smash Britain, then we shall smash Russia.

"Don't you rely on Stalin and the Comintern and the Soviets and all that. We are going to deal with them next.

"We are the great big masters of everybody. Better keep in with us.

"By the way, we would like some grain and some oil and some fats and a few other things. Better give them while the going's good.

"Don't think Stalin is going to save you after we've finished with the British."

To The Japanese

To the Japanese thus:—

"Listen. Don't worry about our agreements with Russia. They are just tactics. We Nazis are really anti-Communists to the backbone. Just help us in our war with

HINT ON S'PORE FROM ROME

Japan is planning to attack Singapore if Britain obstructs Japan's policy in the Orient or if the United States enters the war, said Premier Mussolini's newspaper, "Il Popolo d'Italia."

The paper's commentator called Singapore the "pivot of British positions in East Asia" and declared that "Japan is seeking a place for itself in the best possible position strategically against Singapore, anticipating being forced by English hostility or intervention of new allies of England, to attack and overthrow the pillar of Singapore."

Il Duce's organ also published an implied Japanese threat against the Philippines, asserting that any United States aerial or naval action against Japan "would be equivalent to harakiri for the American fleet." It added "the United States has the disadvantage of offering an immediate prey to an adversary—the Philippine Islands."

Il Duce's other organ, "Il Popolo di Roma," criticised the people of the United States as "the most ignorant of the white race." It hinted strongly that Italy and Germany were counting upon Spain to offset Anglo-American influence in Latin America. Just now Spain might play this part and the precise role she will have in the Rome-Berlin Axis were not made plain.

The newspaper attacked the United States, England and France as the great enemies of Spain and its history.

Earlier in the day the official Italian news agency Stefani said Italians have "no reason to suppose that a spirit of aggression" exists in United States policy which would cause her to go to war. — Associated Press.

DECOUX GETS AN UMBRELLA

THE CHINA BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGN AND THE CHINESE PEOPLES' FOREIGN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION HAVE MAILED TO ADMIRAL JEAN DECOUX, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF FRENCH INDO-CHINA, AN UMBRELLA WITH WHICH TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM GATHERING CLOUDS.

Attached to the parcel post package containing the umbrella was this statement:

"Celebrating the appeasement policy pursued jointly by the French Indo-China government and the Vichy government, under which Japan was granted use of Indo-Chinese military and naval bases and air fields, Japanese aircraft Monday heavily bombed Kunning, China, for the first time since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war.

"Commemorating the civilian casualties sustained as a result of the facilities accorded our enemy by your good self, we have the unique distinction to present to you on this eventful occasion an umbrella which we believe will be of immense service to you when threatening clouds are gathering from all corners of the globe." — Associated Press.

Britain, and then we will help you against the Soviet Union.

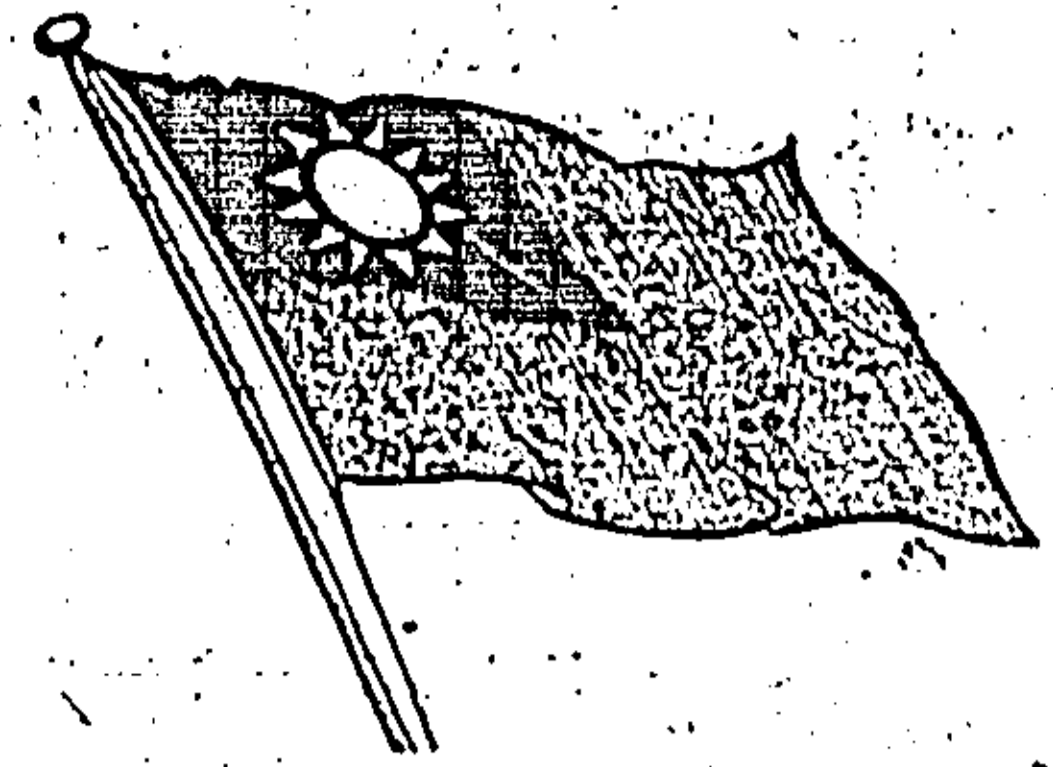
"The anti-Comintern pact still holds good. 'Mein Kampf' still holds good.

"You and we—once we get rid of these damned British—can smash Russia.

"We want the Ukraine and the Caucasus. You want Mongolia and Eastern Siberia. Yes?"

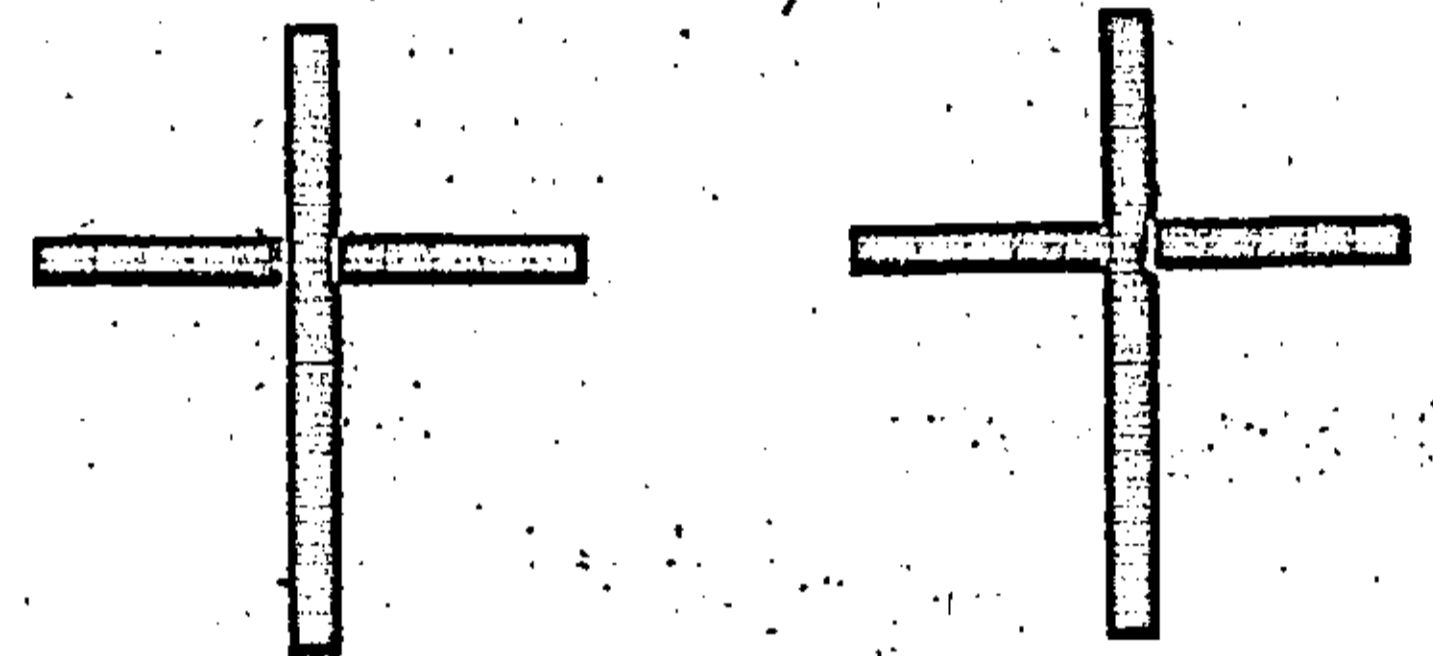
All very ingenious, all very clever. Just one thing wrong about it all. It all depends on convincing everybody that Germany is going very quickly and very thoroughly to smash the British Empire.

And, somehow or other, everybody, from China to Peru, is beginning to think that this is rather more than doubtful, that it may be just the other way round.



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Hong Kong, 5th October, 1940.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Ninth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 19th October (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shau Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on FRIDAY, 11th October, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th October, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE EIGHTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 5th and THURSDAY, 10th October, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on both days.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on each day.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No 1 Box. (Tel. 21920).

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BRIDGE NOTES

(By The Four Aces)

AN ERRING HUSBAND

"Can't South save a trick by bolder play?" asks Mrs. F. V., of Hartford, Conn. "He's always complaining about my timidity, so I hope you can find something to say about his."

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ 4 2
♥ A K 6 3
♦ Q 9 2
♣ A K 6 5

♠ K 10 9
♥ 8 7
♦ Q 7 5
♣ K

♠ Q 10 9 7
♥ A Q J 6 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ 7 5 4

♠ J 10 9
♥ A J 10 8
♦ 6 3
♣ 8 4 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	2♦	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Dbf.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

"West opened the King of diamonds and shifted to the ten of clubs. South, my husband, played dummy's King instead of letting it come to the Jack in his hand. Then he finessed the Queen of spades, losing to West's King."

"West returned a spade to South's Jack; and South led three rounds of hearts. West took the third heart and again returned a trump. The Ace of clubs and a heart let West ruff and draw one of South's low trumps. Eventually South lost two diamonds, going down two. Was he right to play high on the first club trick?"

Decidedly not; and furthermore instead of being set two tricks he should have made the contract with an overtrick! Correct play is to let the ten of clubs ride to the Jack and discard a heart on dummy's third high club. South then ruffs the fourth club, cashes the top hearts, and ruffs a heart. Now he leads a diamond, and West is forced to ruff and return a trump. South wins this free finesse and leads another diamond, whereupon West is caught once more in the same sort of trap."

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner; and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 3 2
♥ 9 5
♦ 6 5
♣ A Q 10 7 4

The bidding:

Jacoby	Partner	You	Schneken
1♠	2♥	2♠	3♥
3♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid four spades. You have slightly more strength than your partner may have expected; and it is always unsatisfactory to "hang" one trick short of game.

Score 100% for four spades, 60% for pass.

QUESTION NO 538

To-day your side is vulnerable and you hold the following hand as dealer:

♠ A K 9 5
♥ A Q
♦ A K 10 3
♣ A 10 8

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

WIFE "TOLD TO LICK BOOTS"

A woman in the Divorce Court charged her husband with:—
Ordering her to lick his boots;
Kneel and promise to be humble and do exactly as she was told;
Spitting in her face and striking her;

Pulling her out of bed when she was ill; and

Thrusting her.

She was Mrs. Winifred Florence Stevenson, of Station Road, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent.

Mr. Justice Henn Collins granted her a decree nisi on the ground of cruelty by her husband, Mr. Henry Mervyn Stevenson, who did not defend the suit.

'KING JOHN OF FRANCE' DEAD

The 65-year-old Duc de Guise, the French Pretender, after a lifetime preparing to take the Bourbon throne, has died at Larache, Spanish Morocco, just when the crown was almost within grasp.

It can now be stated that only a few weeks ago French statesmen, working in close cooperation with Marshal Petain, had begun preliminary negotiations with the Pretender with a view to the eventual restoration of the French Monarchy.

Petaim, when he was called on by Reynaud to join the French Government during the crisis caused by the German invasion, took up his Cabinet post with the intention of working to this end.

The Marshal openly discussed it with friends in Madrid when he was French Ambassador there.

Latest available news from Vichy shows that the bulk of the changes made by Marshal Petain have been carried out to pave the way for the return of the monarchy.

The Duc de Guise, whose followers called him King John of France, had intimated that he would be willing to be crowned king even though France was partly occupied by the Germans.

All the loyalty and affection of the French monarchists, who daily become stronger, will now be concentrated on the young Henri de Guise, Comte de Paris, his son.

The general impression in French political circles is that the situation in France is now such that he will almost certainly be called on to be King in the not-too-distant future.

The Duc de Guise had lived in exile in Spanish Morocco with his wife, formerly Princess Isabelle of France, and their daughter since the invasion of Belgium, when he had to flee his home near Brussels.

SILVER RAIN

Silver rain fell in the little village of Meshchera, Russia, near Gorky, during a violent thunderstorm. The oval-shaped silver pieces were the size of large fish scales. Farmers collected several score of these and brought them to Moscow, where they were identified as late sixteenth-century coins. Professor D. H. Eding, who examined the coins, expressed the opinion that they were lifted by a cyclone from some near-by ancient remains as yet undiscovered, where the coins had been exposed by erosion.

BABY'S

TEETHING UPSETS QUICKLY CHECKED

Your baby must "get a tooth." But he need not get a fever with it—if baby's mother is wise he won't.

Here is what one wise mother, Mrs. Peter Vertefeuille of 81, Main Street, Willimantic, U.S.A., has to say: "My baby had a hard time cutting her teeth. She was feverish and did not sleep well at night. I gave her Baby's Own Tablets with fine results. Now she is a healthy child and I recommend the tablets to other mothers."

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Baby's Own Tablets are also effective in Constipation, Simple Fever, Diarrhoea, Upset Stomach, Colic, Colds and Fretfulness. Obtainable at all chemists.

MONEY, CHEQUES VANISH

Robberies from the London mails, chiefly of money addressed to religious organisations, are on a scale without precedent in recent times.

Not only is the City affected, but cases are reported from South-East London and in postal districts W. and W.C.1.

Registered letters, losses of which mean immediate inquiry, are not touched.

The biggest sufferers so far as is known have been the Baptist Missionary Society, of Farnival Street, E.C.4.

About 100 letters have been stolen with subscriptions worth £1,550.

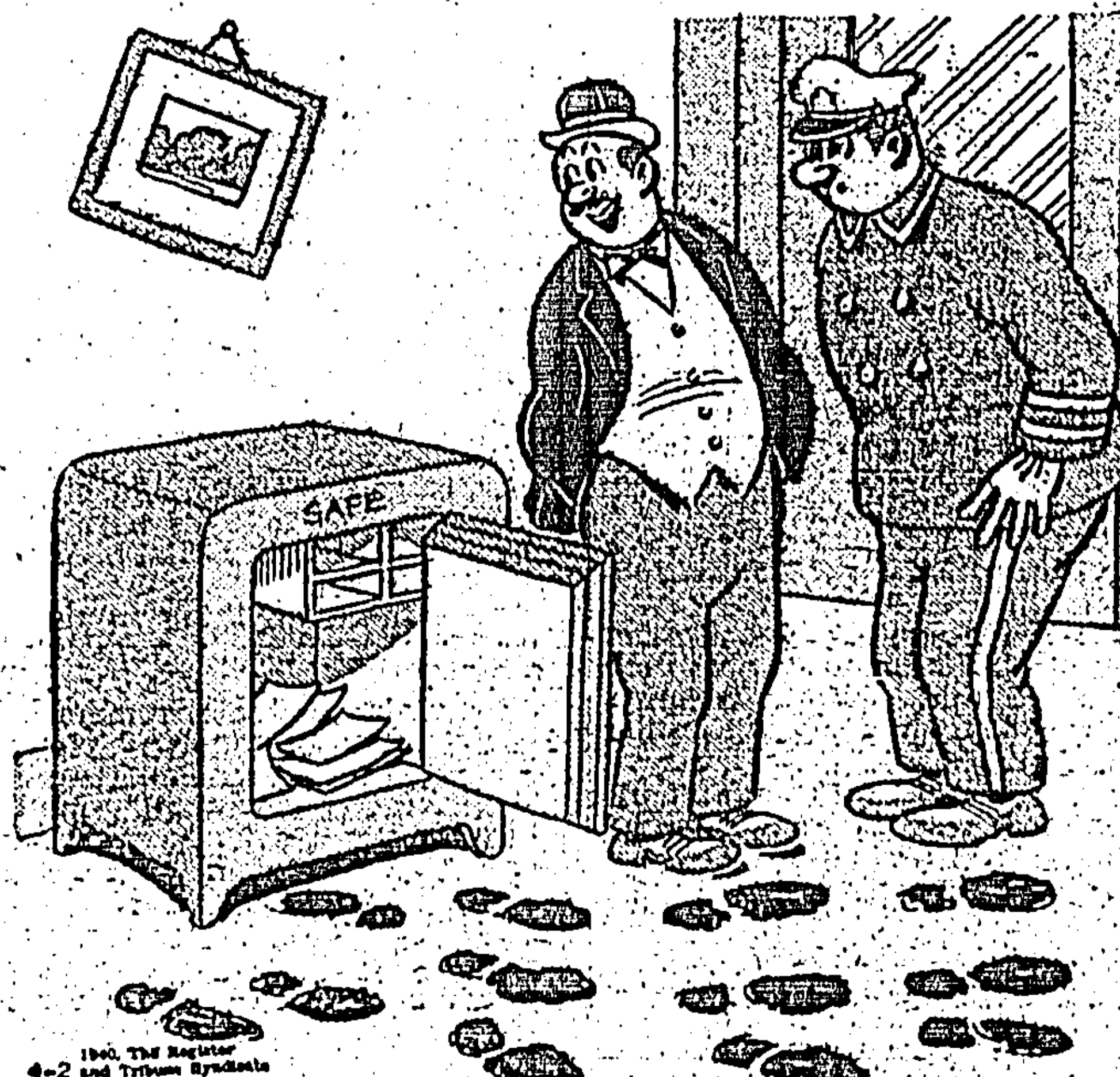
In Cannon Street, E.C.4. the Protestant Truth Society has also been plundered.

In the W.C.1 area are the British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Jews, at St. James Street, and the Trinitarian Bible Society at Bury Place, Bloomsbury. Numerous sums mailed to them have disappeared.

Business houses affected include the Royal Mutual Insurance Society and Mutual Finance, Ltd. Mutual Finance, Ltd., puts losses at its Regent Street, W.1, address at £60 spread over several months.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



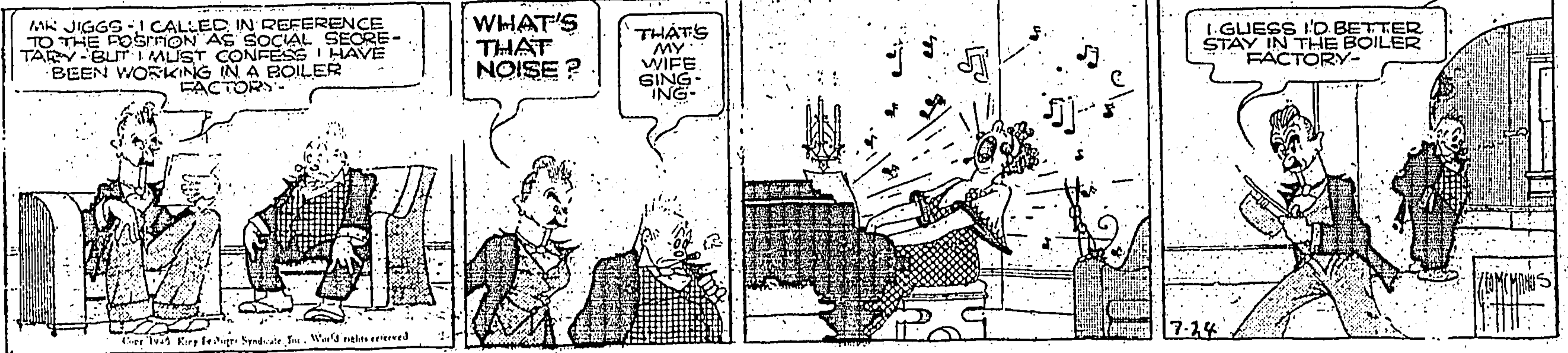
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Bring Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Hot Oil Facial Excellent For Drying Climate

In a drying climate women are constantly anxious about the best treatments for dry skin and hair. They are naturally out of doors a good deal, and the sun took its toll of their beauty. So they resort to oil—an oil facial for the skin, and various oil treatments for hair. Being curious I tested two of these treatments.

The Facial

After a thorough rich cream cleansing (cream removed with a linen towel, not tissue), soothing hot oil with a delicate fragrance was massaged over my face, neck and upper chest, as I lay on a most comfortable lounge. Quantities of this oil was put on my skin and I was amazed how my skin literally drank it in. Over the oil more of the rich cream used for cleansing was patted and the two mixed by several minutes of finger massage.

If constant bright days cause squint lines, resort to an eye cream—which is a combination of oils. This cream was put about my eyes just before refreshing eye pads were placed over them, and a cooling masque was tied on. For one half hour I rested in the luxury of a cool, dark, quiet room.

Then deft fingers removed the masque and eye pads and gave



SUSAN HAYWARD takes an early sun bath with her eyes protected, and a strapless suit to assure an even tanning.

my skin a good cleansing with a liquid tonic, free of alcohol. Just enough of the lubrication remained on my skin to protect it and before make-up was applied, more of the eye cream was used. To all this pampering and exquisite beauty aids, my skin responded admirably and I was very pleased

with it when I scrutinised it in a hand mirror.

Hair Care

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PLEASING APPEARANCE

As dresses are definitely shorter, and as the knee-fashion season is at hand, no girl or woman can be called meticulous unless her legs are nicely groomed.

Sheer stockings reveal unsightly hair, and a very smart ensemble will lose all its dash if one's legs are not smooth. There are several reliable depilatories on the market, but any girl who prefers, may use a safety razor providing she soaps her legs before shaving them.

White gloves should always be fresh and so should lingerie touches. Solled collars and cuffs quickly stamp their wearer as being careless. So do shoes which need cleaning or new heel lifts, spots on dresses, twisted stocking seams, dress hems hanging beneath coats, straggling ends of hair in back, or solled looking handbags and hat bands.

We know it takes time to correct all these little flaws in dressing but time should be taken if you want to look fresh and desirable. If you set aside one evening a week to check over your wardrobe, or one morning, you will soon learn how to schedule your laundry and mending so as to look trim as a button all of the time.

Plan In Advance

Business girls who have very little time to spend on their clothes

find it most satisfactory to build a wardrobe around one colour and one set of make-up. If you have many colours in your wardrobe you must have several different shades of lipsticks and nail polish and you must plan what you will wear far enough in advance to have time to change your nail polish and to tuck the right shade of lipstick and rouge in your handbag. We have become so colour conscious in recent years, that no girl can afford to wear a lipstick or nail polish which will clash with each other or with the dress she wears. The most fashionable dress can look frightful if it is worn with accessories not keyed to its colouring.

Are You Guilty?

The beauty of any hand is entirely ruined if nail polish is chipped or if it is painted on unevenly. Rather wear light polish, which is more easily applied, if you cannot paint your nails with a sure hand when you are using the vivid hues. It usually takes two coats of the vivid shades to cover the line where your finger ends and your nail continues, and that means it takes twice as much time for the job, as one coat of polish must dry thoroughly before the second covers it. Lighter polishes have their problem too, for your nail border must be bleached and whitened. Naturally fingers should be free of hangnails.



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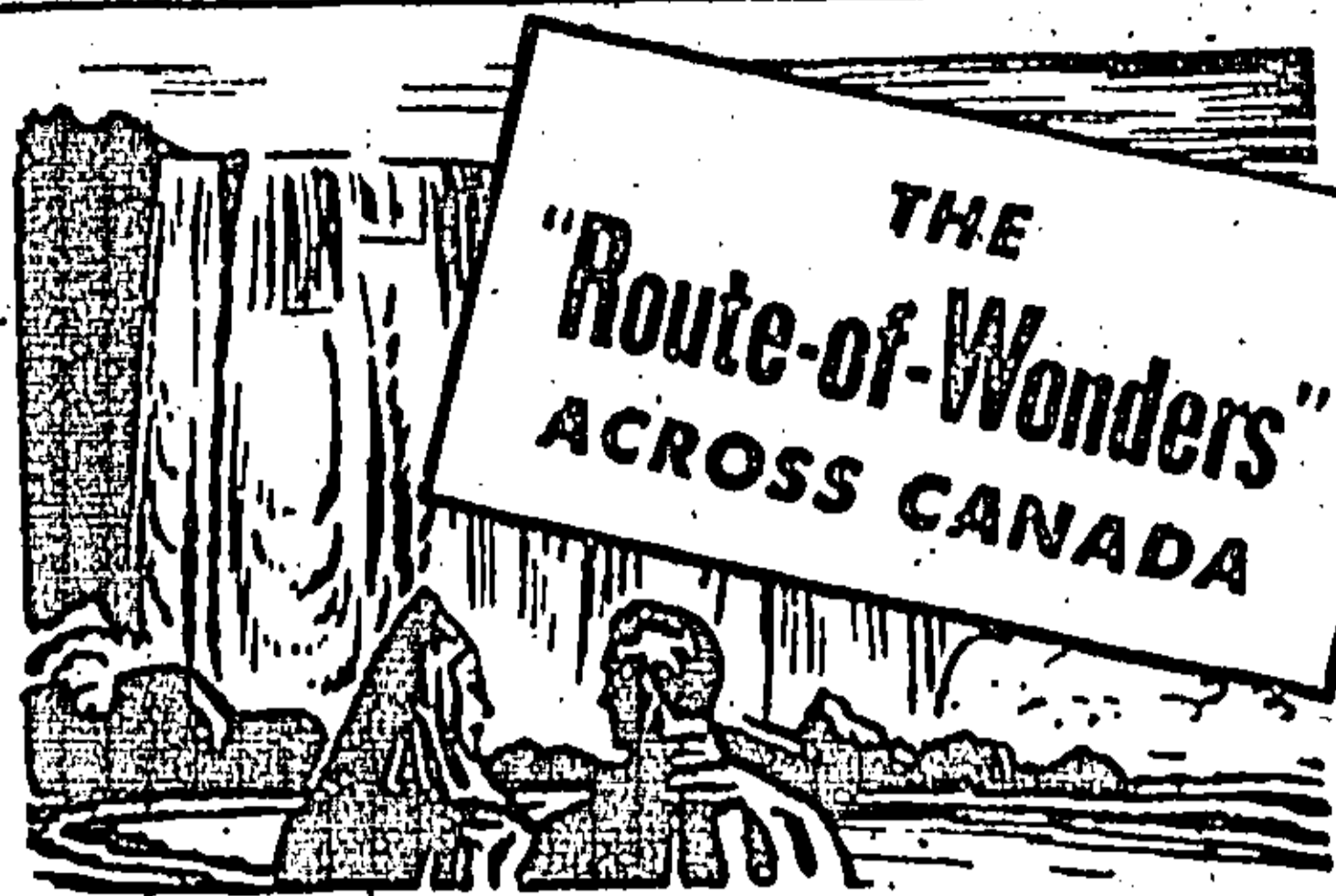
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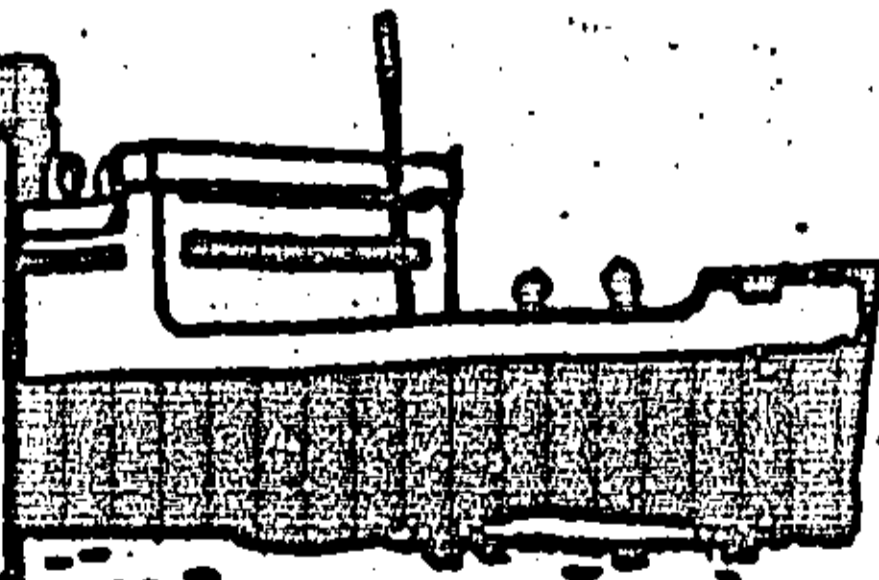
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There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

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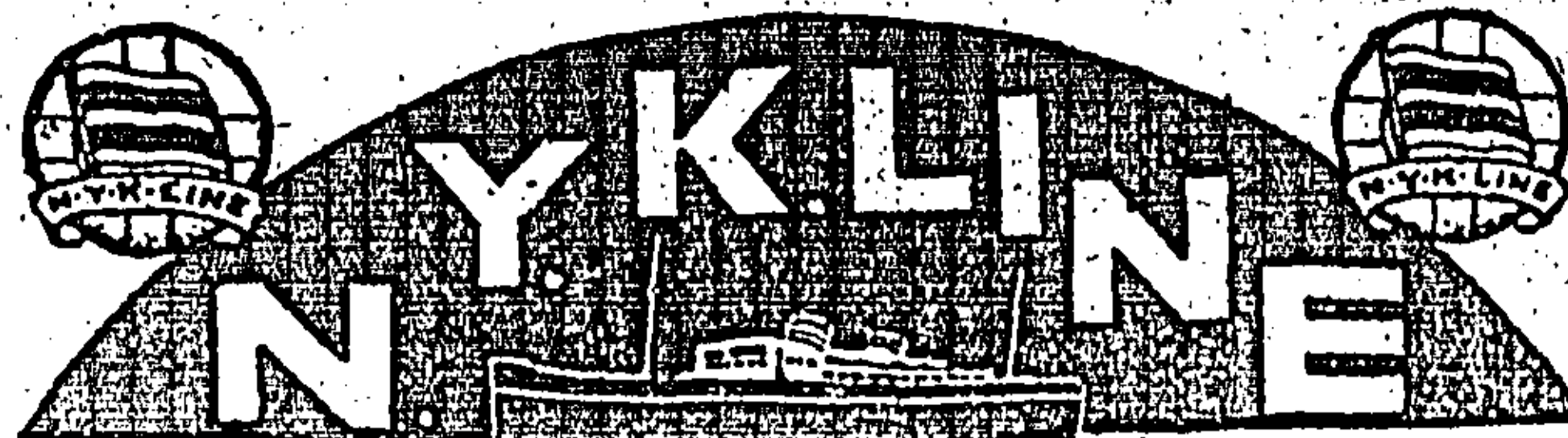
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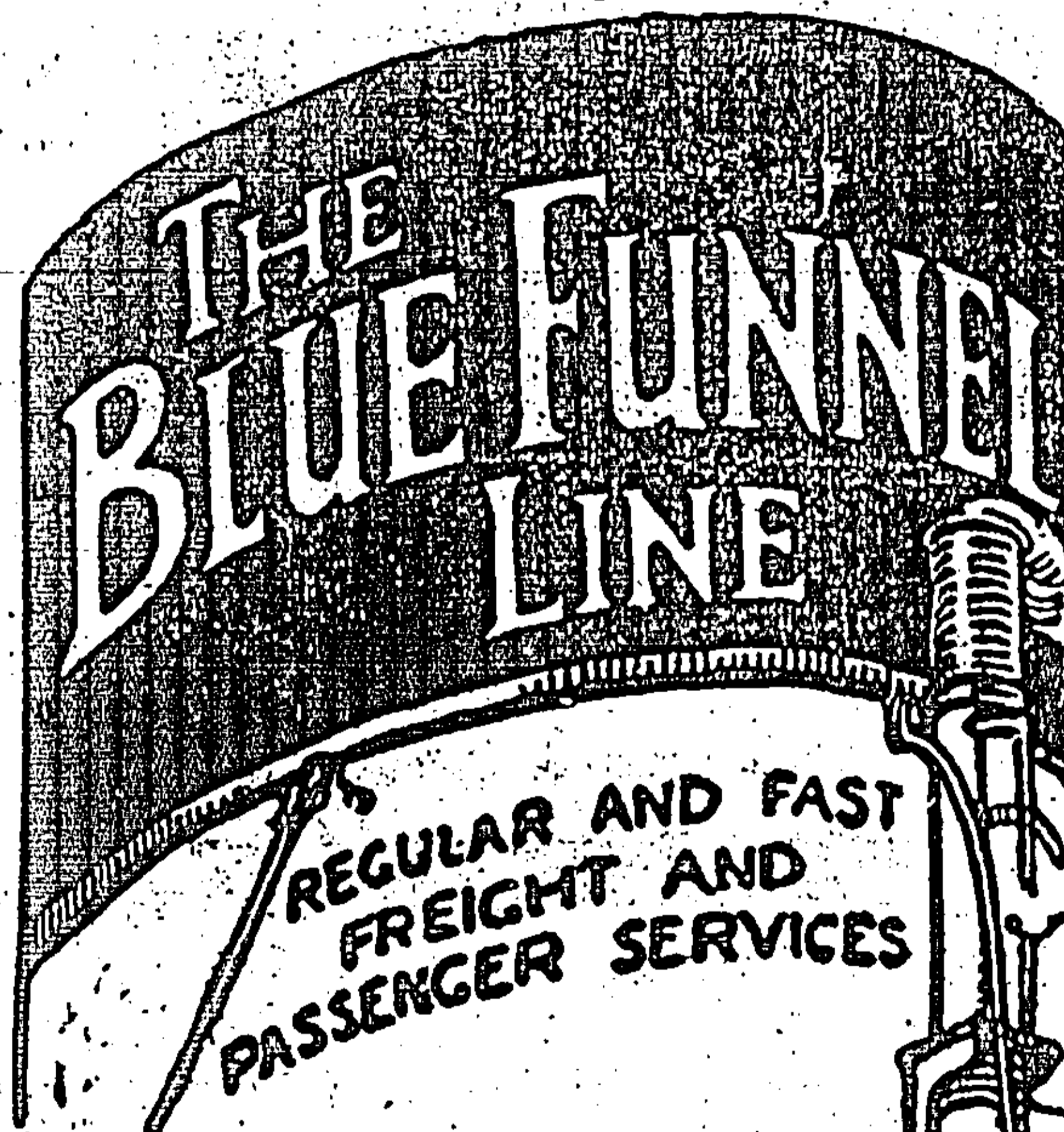
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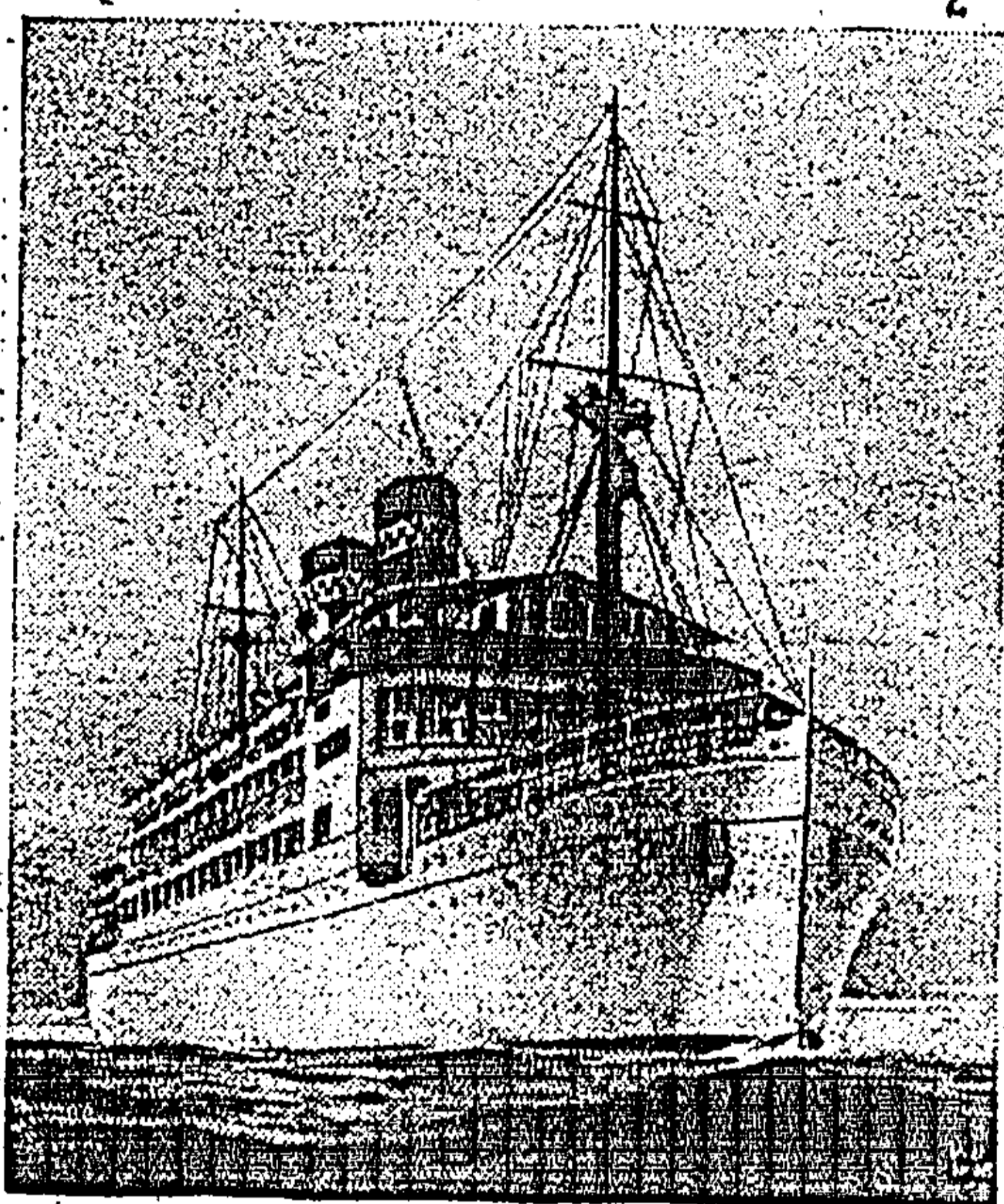
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TEACHER ACCUSED OF STEALING BOY 'SEAVACUEE'

CHARGED WITH "unlawfully taking away" an
11-year-old boy from his parent, a Surrey teacher
appeared on remand at Clerkenwell.

The teacher, Montagu Wilfred
Wenver Wicks (28), of Sander-
stead, Surrey, was further re-
manded on bail.

Wicks had arranged for the
boy's "seavacuation" to Canada,
it was stated.

Cancelled

Wicks had coached the boys of
Mr. Schwerdt, a Bishops Stort-
ford stockbroker, during the Eas-
ter holidays and afterwards told
him that he was taking a party of
boys to Canada, and that he was
making the necessary arrange-
ments with the authorities at
Canada House. Mr. Schwerdt
decided to let one of his sons,
George Peter Patrick, aged 11,
go.

Eventually Wicks said he would
be taking five boys from Euston
on July 25. A sum of £620 was
paid into his bank account by
Mr. Schwerdt to cover expenses
for two years.

Later inquiries resulted in
Wicks's arrest at Crewe. It was
found he had cancelled passages
to Canada provisionally booked.

The defence was that he was
intending to wait in Liverpool
till "difficulties" which had arisen
were cleared up.

Mr. Schwerdt, in evidence, said
he did not know the "seavacua-
tion" plan was his wife's.

RETIRED PILOT WINS SECOND MEDAL

Wing-Commander Francis Vic-
tor Beamish, who returned to ac-
tive service from retirement, has
been awarded the D.S.O., it was
announced a few days ago.

He destroyed two Messer-
schmidts in June in France, and
later shot down a Dornier 17. He
already holds the A.F.C., and in
February was mentioned in dis-
patches.

He got an Irish Rugby trial cap
many years ago, and has played
in the R.A.F. Rugby team against
both the Navy and Army.

Wing-Commander Beamish is
one of the "redoubtable Beamish
brothers."

His brother, Squadron-Leader
Charles Beamish, was awarded
the Distinguished Flying Cross in
May. He, too, is a well-known
Rugby player.

The third brother, Sq/dron-
Leader George Beamish, played
Rugby for Ireland in more than
twenty matches.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Patrick
Geraint Jameson has been award-
ed the D.F.C. in operations in the
Narvik area he discovered and
set on fire two four-engined en-
emy flying boats. Next day he
destroyed a Junkers 88.

AMERICAN ON NAZI CLAIMS

Discussing the sharp contrast to
be found in the two versions, Ger-
man and British, of aerial en-
gagements throughout the war, the
"Observer" of Charlotte, N. Caro-
lina, pointed out that the Nazi
Reich have already admitted to a
method of lying and the German
people have for years been pre-
pared for a quick and easy vic-
tory whereas the British Govern-
ment never subscribed to such a
creed.

"So it is only logical to assume
that the moral of the German
people has not been prepared to
sustain without adverse effect any
blow that would be involved in
telling them the truth as to the
difficulties already encountered in
the attempted conquest of Great
Britain and the British Empire,"
the journal stated, "because the
German Government has every
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the British Government apparently
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WILFRED LAWRENCE, FORMER COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPION, DELIGHTED HIS SUPPORTERS YESTERDAY WITH TWO FINE PERFORMANCES IN THE TRIALS HELD TO FILL THE TWO REMAINING PLACES IN THE COLONY TEAM TO MEET MANILA ON OCTOBER 23, 24 and 25.

Lawrence has not been fit recently and has appeared in no competitive events throughout the season and so his form was an unknown quantity.

It came as an extremely pleasant surprise yesterday, therefore, when he swam brilliantly in the 100 yards back-stroke to easily beat Lau Yiu-ting, who has given A. K. Rumjahn so many hard fights this year, in a time only three-fifths of a second outside Rumjahn's time returned in the championships, and two-fifths of a second better than the time in which he (Lawrence) won the championship in 1939.

Good Turning

Lau Yiu-ting made a determined effort to run away with the race yesterday but Lawrence swam easily, gaining a little on each turn, and then opened up with his celebrated last-length sprint to win by a body's length. There were only two starters.

The 100 Yards free-style which was held after several members' heats, was a grand race and showed Lawrence at his best.

Against two consistent sprint swimmers, and Huang, who has shown his capabilities recently, Lawrence swam a well-judged race to win comfortably.

When, at the end of the third length, Lawrence was lying last in the field of four, it was thought possible that his effort in the back-stroke event had taken too much out of him. On turning into the last length, however, he soon put any doubts at rest and swam strongly, he overhauled Huang, who, surprisingly enough, had secured a lead of almost two yards on the rest of the field, to beat him in the last 10 yards in 59 seconds. Others who took part in this trial were Ng Tsun-man and A. V. Ozorio.

Lawrence And Lau In

Lawrence has now been nominated for the Interport team and will take part in the 100 Yards Breast-Stroke and the Free-Style Relay. It is also possible that he will swim in the individual medley event. Lau Yiu-ting has also been awarded his Colony badge although it is unlikely that he will be called upon to swim.

Results

100 Yards Back-Stroke:—1, W. Lawrence (70-3/5 secs.); 2, Lau Yiu-ting (73 secs.).

100 Yards Free-Style:—1, W. Lawrence (59 secs.); 2, Charles Huang (60-1/5 secs.); 3, Ng Tsun-man (60-3/5 secs.).

HOWARD BEATS C. G. SILVA

W. J. Howard caused a big surprise in bowls circles when he beat C. G. Silva by 21 shots to 19 in the Fourth Round of the open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday.

At the 16th head Silva was being led by 15-12, but took the lead at the next when he scored a four. Howard then scored a four to take the lead again. Howard won on the 22nd head.

At Craigengower Cricket Club, A. M. Holland, a former champion was defeated by F. J. Jones of Civil Service by 21 shots to 13.

Hollands scored 12 shots over the first 16 heads but was only able to add a single at the remaining heads.

HARBOUR RACE ON FRIDAY

It was announced by Victoria Recreation Club this morning that the annual harbour race will be held on Friday, starting from Kowloon at 5 p.m. sharp. There will be post-entries.

AMBULANCE SPORTS

The Annual Aquatic Sports of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will, by courtesy of the Committee take place at the Victoria Recreation Club to-day at 5.30 p.m.

Lady Macgregor, Lady District Superintendent of Nursing Divisions, has kindly consented to present the prizes.

WOOD GIVES U.S. NAVY A LESSON IN PITCHING

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING FAULTLESS BALL, the Stanley Mohawks blanked out the U.S.S. Asheville in a nine-nil massacre on Saturday, featured by the classy chucking of Moundsman Wood, who had the Asheville batters eating out of his hand, and, but for Giper Williamson's single over second, would have held them to a no-hit, no-run, no-error game.

The Mohawks wielded their pet war-clubs, and splashed the apple all over the place excepting where the fielders were. For the full seven innings, the Sailors paraded no more than three men to the plate, Williamson being the only one to have reached first base, but was snuffed out by a smart double-killing, when Pete Walters hauled down Hurst's line drive to nab Williamson at first.

The Asheville boys played a fairly good game, and only committed two bobbles, both in the sixth, when Sabo ungraciously muffed Tom Evers fly, and Tony Groverdale dropped a pitch to allow Pete Walters to steal home.

Rogers made the longest hit of the day, a triple, but was nubbied at the counting station when he tried to stretch it into a homer.

Kelly Singles

In the first stanza, Joe Kelly singled to make first. Harvey passed Kenyon and Walters to jam the bases. Finding himself in the clutches, he could do no better and passed up Tom Evers as well, for Kelly to romp home with the first Mohawk run.

Feeding four more balls to Sal-

GRAPHIC GOLF



GRIPPING THE PUTTER BY BEST BALL

By using the reverse overlapping grip in putting, a golfer efficiently combines the guiding accuracy of the left hand with the smooth stroking qualities of the right. Both of these qualities are important on the greens; furthermore they must blend together perfectly for a top flight performance. Such a grip is not secure enough to employ for the more vigorous wooden and iron shots, nor would it be conducive to allowing the left hand to play its usual role in such a swing. In the putt, however, the stroke should be delicately attuned and this grip lends itself admirably to such a performance.

Bobby Jones employed the grip above for years of tournament winning golf; it carried him through victories in four major engagements in one year. The club is taken back with the left hand and stroked through with the right. As most of the present day pros do now, Bobby used to take the club back with his hand touching his trousers so that there would be no straying outside the line. Frank Strafaci, who employs the same reverse overlapping putting grip, is also employing a similar technique in his stroke. (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

THE first games of the Small Units' football competition are being played this week with the H.K. Signal Company playing "D" Company of the Royal Scots at Sookunpoo tomorrow, 9th, kick-off 4.30 p.m.

Association Football

The Signals should not have much trouble in taking honours for this game, although "D" Company have one or two excellent players.

Next Monday "C" Company of the Middlesex will meet "A" Company of the Scots at Shamshuipo kick-off 4.30 p.m.

DURING the last week the Sappers have been doing rather well in their hockey fixtures. So far they have played four games, won three and drawn the other.

In the first game with the Signals there was not much to choose between the teams although the Sappers won by 3 clear goals. L/Cpl. Shaw scored (2) and Sapper Taylor scored the other. The game was rather fast with the Sappers having better finish to their movements. Sgt. Dobson played an excellent game between the sticks and made many brilliant saves. The junior XI beat "C" Company of the Scots by 2-0, both goals being scored by L/Cpl. Grant. The match against "D" company of the Scots did not produce much hockey and at half-time the Sappers were three goals down; in the second half they seemed to pull together and equalised through L/Cpls. Grant, Westwood, and Sapper Taylor. In their game with Royal Air Force they had practically all their own way and scored three goals in the first few minutes of the game, with the fourth being scored just before the interval. The final score was 4-1 for the Sappers.

R.A.S.C. are not doing very well lately in their hockey fixtures although they are playing some good hockey. On Monday they were unlucky to lose to the Medicals by the odd goal in three. Flynn playing at left-half was the best Service Corps player on the field and, after not playing for such a long time, is still worth his place in any pivot line. Kirkby played well and passed the ball about well to his forwards. There is room for improvement on the left wing.

ARMY TENNIS

Interesting tennis was witnessed at Sookunpoo yesterday, when S/Sgt. Emberson and S/Sgt. Duffield secured the title in the Army Tennis Open Doubles (Other Ranks) tournament, beating Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Milne of the Royal Army Medical Corps by 6-1, 6-4.

S/Sgt. Emberson who had already won the Open Singles tennis tournament on Monday, is one of the leading players. In the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He was well supported by Sgt. Duffield of the same Regiment.

At the conclusion of the sports, Col. S. R. Hopkins presented the prizes to the winners as follows: Royal Engineers winner of the "A" and "B" League, runner-up Royal Army Ordnance Corps. S/Sgt. Emberson winner of the Singles tournament and S/Sgt. Emberson and S/Sgt. Duffield winners of the Doubles tournament.

INTERNATIONAL BOWLS

Club Conveners are reminded that they must send in their entries for the International Lawn Bowls competition to the Hon. Secretary not later than 3 p.m. to-day.

IT is proposed to run a Softball League between Units of the garrison, and those interested are asked to send in their team and manager's name to the Hong Kong Area Sports Board.

Softball

More of this sport should be seen between units but the only teams who are keen on this game so far are the Engineers, Royal Scots and the Royal Air Force, who have already entered the League.

THE Annual Rowing Regatta is only a few weeks off and some of the competing teams are getting on with their trials and practice race. The Sappers already have a proposed team for this event and are hoping to retain the "AH KING" Cup for the third successive season. Here is their team:

Rowing

Stroke—Cpl. Bridle, No. 1.—L/Sgt. Bowling, No. 2.—L/Sgt. Sheldrake, No. 3.—L/Cpl. Foley, No. 4.—L/Sgt. Davis, No. 5.—Cpl. Birrell.

The Cox will in all probability be L/Sgt. Dobson who is experienced at this work. Other teams which are entering for this competition are the 20th Hvy. Bty. R.A., 24th Hvy. Bty. R.A., and the 95 (M) C.D. Bty. R.A. from the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., the 7th (H) A.A. Bty. Regt., and the 17th (H) A.A. Bty. of the 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. and the Royal Army Service Corps, who are entering for the 1,000 yds. and 2,000 yds. races. This competition will take place in the middle of November.

At the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps' swimming gala which is being held at the Queen's Road Swimming Bath, Victoria Barracks, on Saturday evening commencing at 7.30 p.m., there is an invitation Relay open to all Army Teams (post entries) 6 x 33 yds., and it is hoped that there will be a large entrance for this event.

H.K.V.D.C. have also challenged the Army to a game of water-polo at the conclusion of the gala, and here is the proposed Army Team. Pte. Berry, (1/Mx.); Bds. Hymas, (1/Mx.) and 2/Lieut. Millar (2/RS.); L/Cpl. Bedford, H.K. Sigs.; Sig. Allen, (H.K. Sigs.); L/C Dignan, (H.K. Sigs.); L/C Slater (2/RS.).

Reserves — PSM Ure (1/Mx.). Bandmaster Jordan (2/RS.). The Final of the Large Units' water-polo competition will be played at the Queen's Road Swimming Bath to-morrow at 6.30 p.m. The teams for this final are the Combined Small Units v The Middlesex Regiment. Colonel Clifford, the President of Area Aquatic Sports, will present the prizes at the conclusion of the game.

THE R.A.S.C. did very well in a friendly Tennis match against the R.A.F. at Sookunpoo last week when they won by 13 sets to 3.

The Royal Air Force did not have a full team playing and the only regular player was Hemsley, who, with Highlance as his partner, managed to win two sets, the only other pair to have any luck were Bartlett and Brencley. Cpls. Shiel and Lucas, newcomers to the Colony, played for the Corps and did rather well.

THE Middlesex Regt. had a battalion trial match on Sunday at Shamshuipo and found one or two promising young players for their team. The Medicals beat the Ordnance Corps by 4 wickets in a friendly, with some lively cricket being played. A grand score was made by Lieut. Coombes, R.A.M.C., who added 73 runs to the score and then retired, Major Swyer also retired after knocking up a lively 25. L/Cpls. Reynolds and Stonor were the only Ordnance players who managed to get a decent score, both reaching the 20 mark.

Cricket

"Rapier" Reviews Saturday's Race Meeting Upsets

The first day of the Eighth Extra Race Meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club was held in brilliant sunshine last Saturday and the large crowd of racing fans who turned out were rewarded with an afternoon of keen racing, the finishes in some of the events being certainly most thrilling.

The "Daily Double" pool of \$6,425.00 carried over from the last meeting attracted an additional \$30,880.00.

Riding honours among the jockeys went deservedly to Mr. D. Black, who scored two wins and a third in seven starts. His handling of Eve of Harvest in the October Handicap, the principal event of the day, revealed fine judgment. This pony will have to be reckoned with in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions as the time it returned equalled the record, although it went out 115 under weight per inches. Congratulations are also due to Mr. W. G. Poy, who rode Springhurst to a fine win in the Cantala Handicap, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double."

Honours amongst the owners went to the Eve Stable with two wins and two seconds, followed by the Lan Stable with one win and a second and Mr. Li Po-chun with one win and two thirds.

Favourite Fails

The day's programme opened with an event for China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$750, and was confined to Novice riders. The failure of Resisting Time, ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai, was due more or less to the fault of the mafoos in holding on to the pony a little too long immediately the barrier was lifted. This resulted in 1,144 win tickets and 469 place tickets being worth nothing. The race was delayed when Resisting Time bolted before the start, and when the barrier at last went up Eve of Peace (Mr. Barrow) took the lead followed by Eve of Dancing (Mr. Wood), Blue Gate (Mr. Fung), Patricia (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) and the favourite, Resisting Time, struggling with the mafoos. When it did get going the favourite was at least 80 yards behind the field. This position was maintained until after passing the Rock, when Mr. Wood urged Eve of Dancing forward to take the lead and came home an easy winner, with Eve of Peace having the better of Patricia, whose rider tried hard for second place.

Another Upset

The second race, the Jordan Handicap for first section "D" Class China ponies, resulted in another upset when the favourite, Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang) dead-heated with Sunlight View (Mr. Pih) and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Wood) for second position. On the rise of the gate West Lake (Mr. Chao) took the lead, followed by Chatterbox (Mr. Black), Portrush and Sunlight View. On coming into the straight, West Lake was still leading and running strongly with Sunlight View, Portrush and Eve of Hunting in hot pursuit, and although Mr. Pih tried his best to catch West Lake, he had to be satisfied with second place with Portrush and Eve of Hunting, which came up strongly to dead-heat.

Craigavad Disappoints

In the main event of the afternoon, the October Handicap for China ponies over the Champions distance, Confusion Bay, Mr. T. K. Li's stable crack, did not accept, and in its absence the struggle rested between Eve of Harvest and Craigavad, and I must admit that I was disappointed with the finish. The challenge which I expected from Craigavad was not forthcoming.

The race started with Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) setting up a fast pace, followed by Craigavad (Mr. Pih) and Eve of Harvest (Mr. Craven). On passing the Football Stands Distinctive Time still led with Craigavad, O-Lan (Mr. Needa) and Eve of Harvest (Mr. Black) in that order. After passing the Rock Distinctive Time fell back and Craigavad took the lead, followed by Eve of Harvest and O-Lan, but on reaching the last quarter Mr. Black began his challenge and Eve of Harvest responded game-

Rapier's Comments and Final Selections for the second day of the Eighth Extra Race Meeting will appear tomorrow.

ly, shooting out into the lead, which it maintained to the end, despite Mr. Needa's great effort on O-Lan after the latter had passed Craigavad 100 yards from the post.

Eve of Harvest's win was very convincing, and I think it could have turned in a faster time if it had been seriously challenged.

Second String Wins

The fourth race, the Austin Handicap (First section) for "B" Class China ponies, provided a surprise for punters. The second string of Kong's stable, Gay Star, carrying 166 lbs. and with Mr. Tao up, won the race to pay out the best dividend of the day, \$51.10. Jobber (Mr. Chao) got away immediately on the rise of the barrier, followed by Jennifer (Mr. Proulx) and Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih). On passing the six furlongs post Jennifer took a slight lead from Jobber and it maintained this until nearing the Rock, when Jobber reasserted itself to take the lead, followed by Galaxy (Mr. Liang). On coming to the home stretch Jobber was still leading, but it was strongly challenged by Gay Star, Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) and Conquering Time, the favourite, which overtook Jobber about 100 yards from the winning post.

Rowan Beaten

The Cantala Handicap, for "B" Class Australian ponies, was the first leg of the "Daily Double," and it provided race-goers with one of the best races seen for a long time. Mr. Poy timed his challenge on Springhurst to a nicety to beat Rowan (Mr. Hearne), red hot favourite, by a short head and pay the second best dividend of the day.

Franklin (Mr. Chao) took the lead, followed by Sea Jay (Mr. Craven), Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa) and Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx). On passing the six furlongs post Flying Dutchman overtook Franklin and led up to the Rock, when Sea Jay forged ahead followed by Happy Landing (Mr. Davis), Triumphant Day (Mr. Sung) and Winfred (Mr. Pih). On coming down the home stretch Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black), which was until then shut out, came out on the outside to take the lead from Sea Jay, followed by Rowan on the rails and Springhurst further behind. On reaching the Public Stands, Rowan overtook Murrumbidgee, and it looked every inch a winner, but Mr. Poy called for a real effort from Springhurst, and the pony responded perfectly to beat Rowan by a short head. Murrumbidgee was very unlucky in this race as the pony was blocked all the way round, and the only course for Mr. Black to adopt was to bring it out from the outside, and this called for a great deal from the pony, and it consequently lacked a strong finish and had to remain content with third position.

Valorous' Great Bid

In the sixth race, the second section of the Jordan Handicap, for "D" Class China ponies, this Time showed itself a game little pony when it won when carrying 168 lbs. Mr. Wei certainly knows how to handle this great hearted pony. Palmer (Mr. Tang) made the running fairly fast with this Time, and Double Chance (Mr. Chao) following, but on coming down the straight Palmer faded out of the race and this Time took the lead, hotly pursued by Valorous (Mr. Hearne), which had passed Double Chance. These two ponies then fought out the



finish, but this Time proved to be the stronger and its win over Valorous gave satisfaction to its numerous backers.

Won From Start

Those who successfully nominated Springhurst to win the first leg of the "Daily Double" were not presented with too great a problem in making the right choice in the second leg, which was the second section of the Austin Handicap for "B" Class China ponies. The race was won by Peaceful View (Mr. Pih) from the very start. Taking the lead, the pony never looked back, and, despite Mr. Needa's effort on King Kong it was unable to make any impression on the leader. Expansion Time (Mr. Wei) did very well to come in third. Avon, the favourite, was a disappointment, probably due to its heavy burden of 168 lbs. There were 126 ticket holders out of 751 who had faith in Peaceful View, and they were each rewarded with the handsome sum of \$296.10.

Favourite Wins

The last race of the day, the Williamstown Handicap for "D" Class Australian ponies over the mile, resulted in another favourite winning and here again Warrego River's win was due to good jockeyship on the part of Mr. D. Black, who handled his mount very well to record his second win of the day. On the rise of the barrier Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) jumped into the lead, followed by Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih), Quick Despatch (Mr. Trevorton) and Colorado Star (Mr. Davis), whereas the second favourite, Catterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne), was last. On passing the Rock Tarzan was still leading, but Warrego River was content to keep it in view, and on rounding the bend Mr. Black forged ahead and went on to win fairly comfortably. Catterick Bridge, although left badly behind, did extremely well to secure second position. Colorado Star was third, another four lengths behind. If it had not suffered from a bad start Catterick Bridge would probably have won.

WAYS OF WATCHING TENNIS MATCHES

Back and forth swing the heads of at least 98 per cent. of all spectators at a tennis match, in following the flight of the ball from one court to the other. It is sometimes interesting to watch the sea of faces on the other side of the court moving in perfect rhythm but what is often more interesting is to focus the eyes on one player instead of yielding to the strong temptation to see where the ball is going.

It is a rare spectator who abandons the path of least resistance to look steadily at one player while the ball is in play. It requires, a certain amount of will power but the reward will often be found worth the effort.

These rare spectators are usually students of the game, who know that they can learn far more about the technique of court coverage and stroking by concentrating on the player rather than on the ball. This is of course true in any game but there are other reasons for watching the player.

All Human Emotions

Unless the player is of the poker-face type like Helen Wills Moody Roark, the observant spectator may see practically all human emotions in a wide variety of expressions. All the drama of the game is reflected there. Triumph and disaster with their glee and dejection and all the stages between may be caught. Terror, relief, hope, despair, are all to be seen and indicate pretty clearly to the absorbed spectator just where the ball has gone how the player is faring. Grief, surprise pleasure are usually written clearly on the sweating features telling the story of the battle at its progresses.

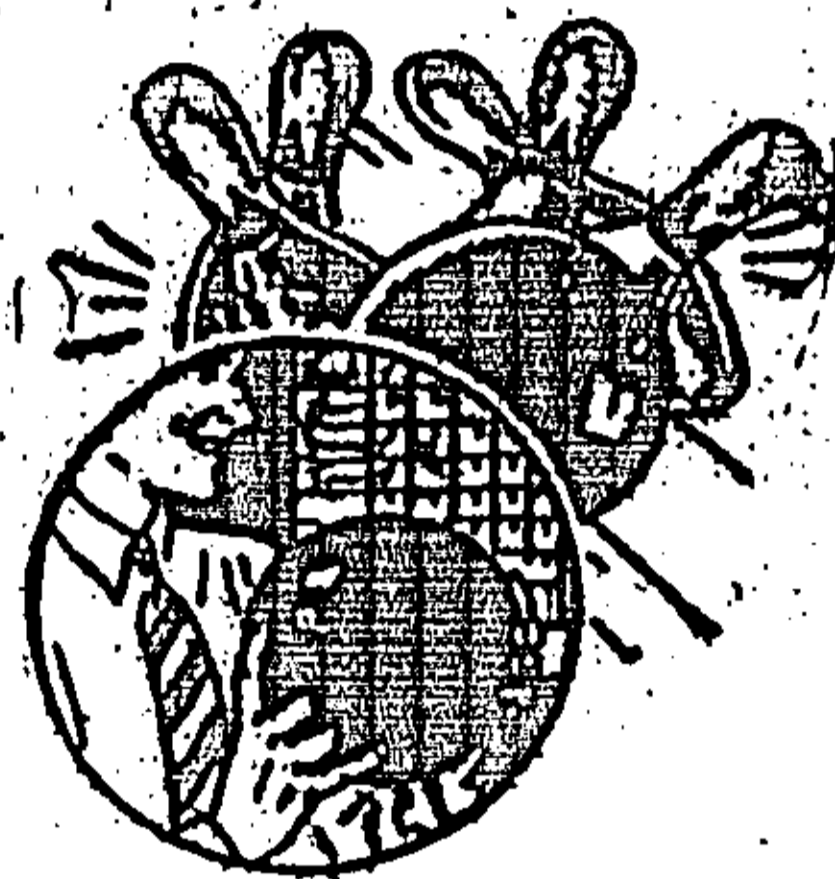
All of this is usually missed by even the most enthusiastic followers of the game. To some sensitive souls it may seem hardly proper to stare at a player's face throughout an entire game. To do so may give the polite watcher a guilty feeling of intruding on somebody's privacy, and no doubt for the player to himself and his emotional life throughout the match made the object of careful inspection might "put him off" were he aware of the scrutiny. But in the heat of the battle, the

H.K.V.D.C. BOWLS ENTRIES

Unit sports representatives of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps are reminded that entries for the Inter-Unit competition for the "China Mail" Cup close at 5 p.m. this evening.

player has no time to worry about such things, the crowd receding to the background of his consciousness.

It is not suggested that tennis matches always be watched through the medium of the players' faces but at times when the outcome is a foregone conclusion and the quality of play uninspiring the game takes on added interest through this medium.



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Train Hit By Falling Debris: Several Killed

MULLAH ORDERS AID FOR BRITAIN

The recent bombing of Haifa and Aden and other Moslem centres clearly shows that Italy and Germany cannot tolerate the existence of Moslems in this world, says the Mullah Saheb of Bhutan, the well-known spiritual leader of the Afridis, in a statement issued at Peshawar.

The statement was made in a fatwa (religious judgment) which has been widely proclaimed in the tribal area of the North-West Frontier.

The Mullah refers to Italy's anti-Moslem policy and relates instances of Italian enmity towards Turkey, Albania and other Moslem countries. He orders his followers to help the British Government and thereby ensure the safety of their religion.—Reuter.

DOUBLE TENTH PRECAUTION

Precautionary measures have been adopted by the police against possible disturbances in connection with the celebration of the "Double Tenth" to-morrow.

BERLIN FIGURES OF CASUALTIES

An official statement issued in Berlin on Monday night's raid by the Royal Air Force on military objectives in the Berlin area, states that 25 persons were killed and 60 severely injured.—Reuter.

AMERICANS DEMAND REDRESS

THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN TIENTSIN, CABLED FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT A SIMILAR TELEGRAM TO THAT OF LOCAL AMERICAN FUR EXPORTERS, EXPRESSED IN VERY FIRM TERMS, AND SEEKING THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE LONG ESTABLISHED BUSINESS IN CHINA.

The present position affects the tanning and dyeing industries and the manufacture of wholesale and retail American trades.

The message deals with the procedure concerning waterfront arrivals and the limitation on travellers' funds and also refers to freight rates.—Reuter.

Few Raiders Penetrate Defences

A BOMB WHICH fell on a main London thoroughfare seriously damaged two omnibuses and killed and seriously injured a number of persons during yesterday's Nazi air activity over London.

This is revealed in an official communique which states that during the morning enemy aircraft which flew over London at a great height were engaged by British fighters and several were shot down.

Some bombs were dropped but in spite of the fact that traffic was at its height, casualties were not numerous. There were, however, some fatal injuries among railway passengers when a train was hit by debris.

A shelter and some industrial buildings were damaged later in the day when an attack was made by low-flying aircraft.

A few bombs were also dropped in other parts of south-east England during the morning but no serious damage or casualties are reported. Three enemy fighters were shot down by British fighters and one of ours is missing.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command, without loss to themselves, shot down two enemy aircraft in the English Channel.

Later particulars show that in the attack on London by low flying aircraft in the morning little damage and few casualties were caused but some of these were fatal.

Indiscriminate Bombing

Enemy aircraft, according to the official announcement, were unable to penetrate inland and again dropped bombs indiscriminately on coastal towns in Kent and Sussex, damaging houses and commercial buildings and killing and injuring a number of persons.

During an attack on Monday in south-west England damage was done to a number of houses and a factory. Casualties were not heavy but included a number of killed.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET HEADWAY

Industrials, especially heavy kinds, claimed the main attention on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and prices made further headway. Coppers and various miscellaneous minings improved. Ralls were firm on expectation of an early announcement of fair increases. Otherwise the markets generally were quietly steady. Wall Street was easy.—Reuter.

BURMA ROAD AND AXIS-TOKYO PACT

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The three-power pact was aimed directly at the United States and also, in a secondary degree, it was pointed against Russia.

Neither of the branches of the English-speaking race was accustomed to react to threats of violence by submission, and certainly the reception of strangely ill-balanced declarations in the United States had not been at all encouraging to those who were the authors.—Reuter.

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GOERING ACE PILOT SHOT DOWN

An ace pilot of Goering's "Yellow" squadron of Messerschmidts was taken prisoner after his plane had been shot down by a Spitfire into the sea between Dover and Folkestone yesterday afternoon.

The pilot, a 6-foot youngster, wore two Iron Crosses—First and Second Class—and he escaped unhurt from his wrecked plane.

Narrowly missing the spur of the cliffs, the bullet-riddled plane spun into the breakers close to shore.

The pilot leaped out of the cockpit when the plane splashed into the water and waded ashore where sentries arrested him.—Reuter.

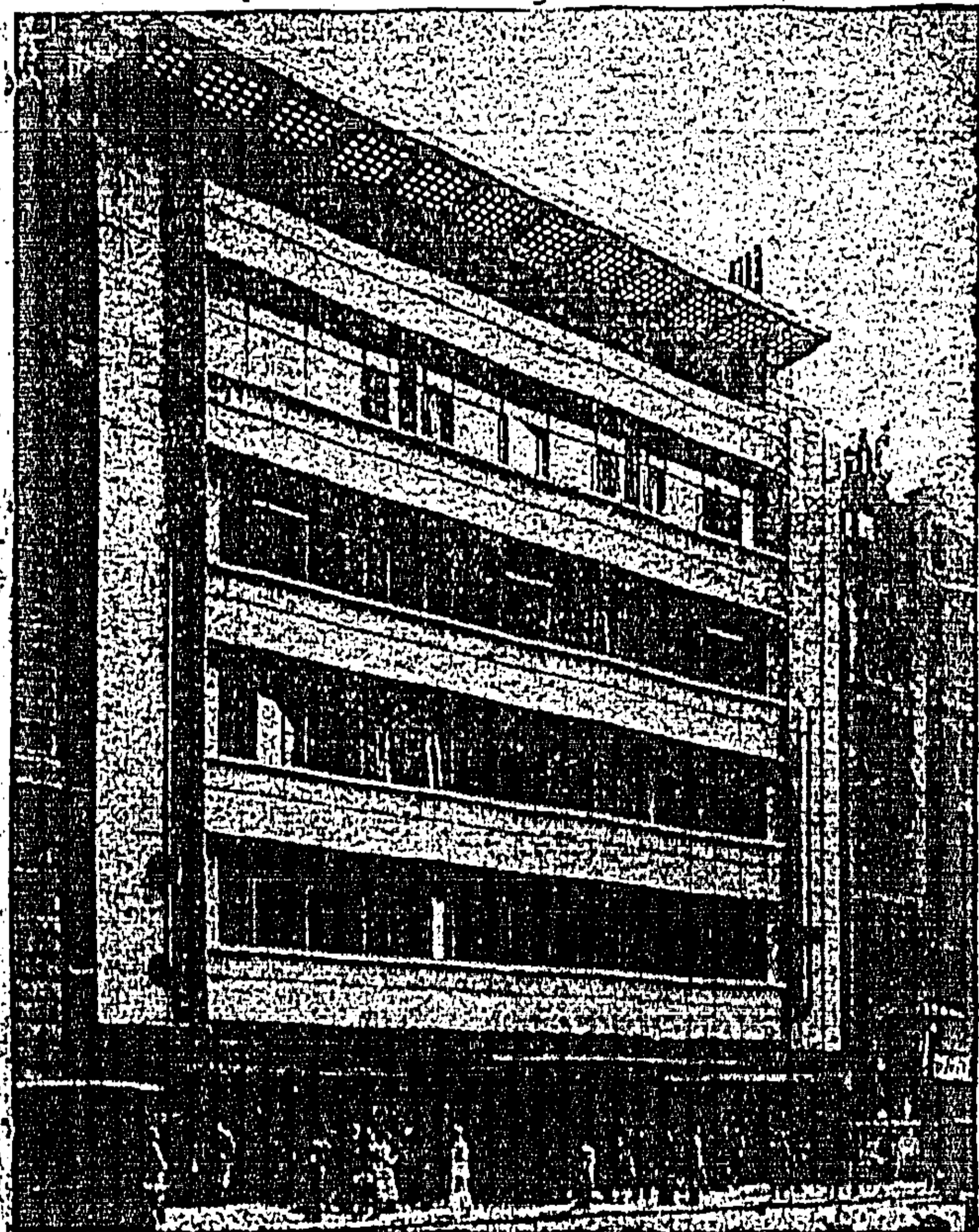
STOP PRESS

MR. QUO TAI-CHI, CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT THE REOPENING OF THE BURMA ROAD WAS A MATTER FOR DEEP SATISFACTION BUT CERTAINLY WAS NO SURPRISE.

For what was the result of its closure but that Japan immediately proceeded to arrest British subjects right and left, invade Indo-China and conclude a military pact with Germany and Italy.

Among Chinese, the present news would arouse hopes that a new chapter in British policy in the Far East is now opening—one in close cooperation with the United States and China and, it was to be hoped, Russia.—Reuter.

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CRISIS MAY DEVELOP FROM BURMA DECISION

WARNING TO AMERICANS CONFIRMED

It is confirmed in Washington that instructions have been given to American consulates to advise all American nationals in the Far East to return home.

These instructions apply particularly to women and children, and to men not engaged on essential work.

According to Shanghai reports, the advice applies to Manchoukuo, Japan, China, Indo-China and Hong Kong.

Some 9,000 people are said to be affected. — Reuter.

State Department officials in Washington declared that the U.S. Consulates in China, Japan, and elsewhere in the Orient had been instructed to suggest to U.S. citizens the advisability of utilising the transportation facilities at present available. — Reuter.

2,000 in Hong Kong

Some 2,047 American citizens in Hong Kong, inclusive of Filipinos and Chinese with American papers, are affected by the instructions received from Washington this morning by Mr. Addison Southard, U.S. Consul-General, to advise general evacuation.

There will be no haste about evacuation, however, said Mr. Southard, who said it would take place at the leisure of the individuals concerned.

Japanese Protest Foreseen

A JAPANESE PROTEST AGAINST THE BRITISH DECISION TO REOPEN THE BURMA ROAD IS EXPECTED ON THE GROUND THAT IT IS CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF THE THREE-MONTHS' AGREEMENT, WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE INCLUDED A TACIT UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION OF THE CLOSURE.

Japan is also likely to claim a violation of the letter and spirit of the Arita-Craigie agreement last year under which Britain recognised the special position and needs of Japan regarding China and disclaimed any intention to aid or abet Japan's enemies. — Reuter.

PURCHASE TAX

The Purchase Tax comes into effect in Britain on Monday week. — Reuter.

SOVIET INFORMED ON BURMA ROAD

In announcing the Government's decision about the Burma Road in the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Halifax stated that we had satisfied ourselves that the United States Government's views on this question were wholly in accord with our action and the Soviet Government had been kept informed of our decision. — Reuter.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

It is learned in official quarters in London that Sir Stafford Cripps saw M. Molotov towards the end of last week and discussed the general situation with him. — Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL'S STATEMENT

BURMA ROAD AND AXIS-TOKYO PACT

ANNOUNCING THAT Britain could not see her way to renew the agreement for closure of the Burma road after October 17, Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday commented on the Axis Japan pact which he said was aimed directly at the United States.

Mr. Churchill wondered whether there were not some secret clauses in the pact, and added that neither of the branches of the English-speaking race was accustomed to react to threats of violence by submission.

Three months ago, Mr. Churchill declared, we were asked to close the Burma road and we acceded because we wished to give an opportunity to the Governments of Japan and China to reach a just and equitable settlement of their long and deadly quarrel.

Unhappily this had not been reached; on the contrary, the protracted struggle of Japan to subjugate the Chinese race was still proceeding with all its attendant miseries. We much regretted the opportunity had been lost but in the circumstances His Majesty's Government proposed to allow the agreement about the closing of the Burma road to run its course to October 17, but they did not see their way to renew it after that. (Cheers).

Instead of reaching an agreement with China, the Japanese Government had entered into a three-power pact with Germany and Italy which is, in many respects a revival of the Anti-Comintern Pact. The Pact binds Japan to attack U.S. if she should intervene in the war now proceeding between Great Britain and the European States.

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Lord Lothian's Holiday Cancelled

IT IS ANNOUNCED FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, LORD LOTHIAN, HAS CANCELLED HIS PLANS TO RETURN HOME ON LEAVE, BECAUSE WHITEHALL FEARS THERE MAY BE A CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST AS A RESULT OF THE BRITISH DECISION OVER THE BURMA ROAD.

Lord Lothian made a statement to this effect upon leaving the White House after a conference with President Roosevelt arranged at Lord Lothian's request.

While declining to give details to reporters, the Ambassador indicated clearly that Far Eastern matters were discussed.

Questioned on how soon the British Government thought the Far East crisis might develop, he said it "might come through the re-opening of the Burma Road."

He explained that he had arranged to fly to England on Sunday, but "the trip did not

look so good on Monday" and was cancelled yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull had a meeting during the day with Mr. Horinuchi, the Japanese Ambassador, who is shortly leaving for Japan, having been recalled.

Japan Told

Mr. Horinuchi had already bade farewell formally to Mr. Hull and he was summoned specially to the State Department where he had a forty-minute conversation with Mr. Hull.

It is understood that the Secretary of State placed his views on the Far Eastern situation before him to take back to Tokyo.

In a heart to heart talk, he is believed to have sounded a warning about where Japan's attitude is leading her. — Reuter.

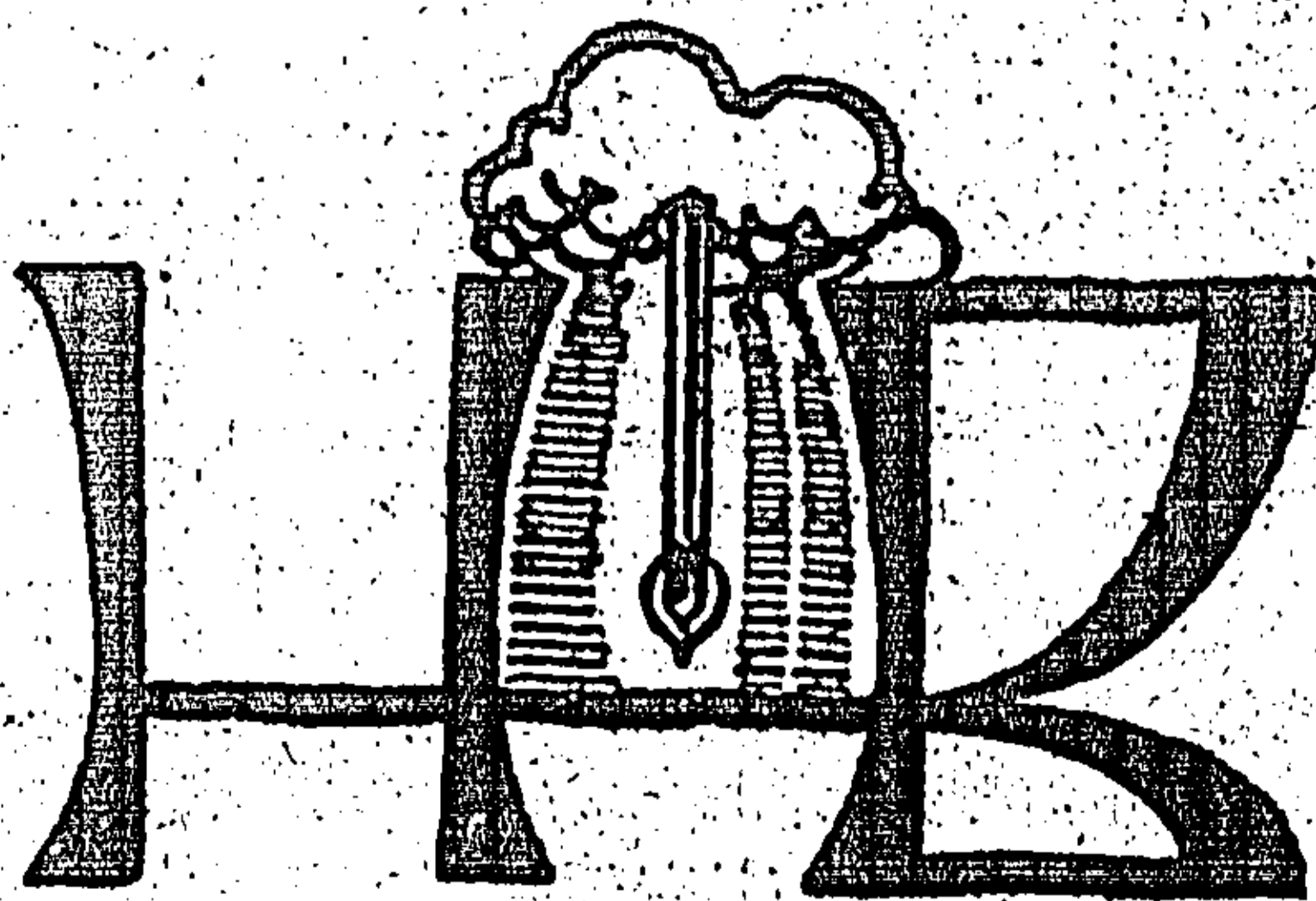
Bomb Hits London Bus PRINCESS KILLED

Princess Catherine Galitzine, a Russian princess who was a close friend of the Duchess of Kent, to whom she was distantly related, was killed during one of London's air raids yesterday.

The Princess was 49 years of age and was travelling in a bus to her work in the Postal Censorship Department when the bus was struck by a bomb.

With her husband, who was an officer in the former Russian Imperial Guard, she has lived in England for the past twenty years. — Reuter.

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NAZI ADVANCE INTO RUMANIA

Number Of Troops Involved Screened By Censorship

BRITAIN DEMANDS EXPLANATION

Sir Reginald Hoare, the British Minister, has asked the Rumanian Government for an immediate elucidation of the situation arising from the apparent intention of Germany to garrison regular German troops at strategic points in Rumania.

Earliest date when German troops are expected to reach Rumania in any force is Thursday. They will probably arrive at the Danube port of Giurgiu.

British officials in Bucharest yesterday acknowledged that if German troops were garrisoned in Rumania their presence would probably be incompatible with the maintenance of a British mission in Bucharest. Britain's position in Rumania thus depends upon the reply given by General Antonescu, the Dictator, to Sir Reginald's representations.—Reuter.

Hungarian Breach Of Neutrality

AXIS PROPAGANDA AND THE RUMANIAN CENSORSHIP CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A COMPLETE SCREEN OVER THE NUMBER OF GERMAN TROOPS GOING TO RUMANIA, THEIR PURPOSE AND DESTINATION.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent points out that this secrecy is a characteristic feature of all important political moves of the Axis until the object has been accomplished.

Whether the troops are intended as guards to the oilfields, as suggested in Berlin, as training troops, as Bucharest despatches state, or for the purpose of fulfilling the guarantee to Rumania, as some hint, the upshot will undoubtedly be that Rumania will be under German control, military, police and political.

Gestapo agents have been conducting their characteristic activities in Rumania for some time. The maltreatment of Britons recently arrested bears the hallmark of German methods.

Hungary Involved

One interesting question is how the troops entered Rumania. It may well be proved that Hungary has followed the precedent set by Sweden and Finland.

When unimpeded passage of German troops has been allowed, Britain has registered a formal protest. Incidentally, Rumania's action is giving these troops hospitality is an even greater breach of neutrality.

At one moment during the Polish campaign last year, it was suggested that the Germans were concentrating troops on the railways running from Poland into Rumania, but the quick advance of the Russian forces and their annexation of this portion of Poland cut off this line of communication for the Germans.

The Russians have since altered the gauge of the railway to the broad Russian standard.

Fully Equipped

A Bucharest report states that the first contingent of German troops now sailing down the Danube is complete with equipment, including tanks, anti-aircraft batteries, anti-tank guns and aviation units.

After arriving at Giurgiu, the troops will proceed to the Prahova and Buzau districts and to Targoviste, near Bucharest, where they will construct an air base.

Anti-aircraft guns will be set up in the oil zones and at the terminus of the oil pipeline at Giurgiu.

German war material has been pouring into Rumania in recent weeks in unprecedented quantities. Its value has been so high that the Rumanian trade balance with Germany has been converted from a credit to a debit quantity.—Reuter.

MEDIUMS MAY VISIT DEFENCE AREAS

Spiritualist mediums have been officially "recognised."

The Government regards them as persons with legitimate business reasons for visiting the restricted areas between Berwick-on-Tweed and Weymouth.

By restricting entry of persons to these areas, the Government had placed local Spiritualist churches in a difficulty. They were unable to obtain the services of mediums, speakers, and demonstrators.

The Spiritualists' National Union took up the matter with the Ministry of Home Security.

Now the Ministry has agreed that Spiritualist "platform workers," as they are called, shall be provided with special identity certificates bearing their photograph and the Union's seal.

SEIZURE OF FRENCH SHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

According to a semi-official statement issued in Vichy, the French garrison at Djibouti is facing famine as the result of the British action in seizing the French s.s. Esperance.

It is stated that the Esperance was intercepted by a British warship when en route from Madagascar and taken to Aden where her cargo was confiscated.—Reuter.

STOCK MARKET HEADWAY

Industrials, especially heavy kinds, claimed the main attention on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and prices made further headway. Coppers and various miscellaneous minings improved. Ralls were firm on expectation of an early announcement of fair increases. Otherwise the markets generally were quietly steady. Wall Street was

MORE DESTROYERS TAKEN OVER

At an east coast port in Canada yesterday, without ceremony, the Royal Navy took over two more groups of over-age destroyers from the United States.—Reuter.

HIMMLER GOING TO MADRID

Close secrecy is being observed in Madrid regarding the forthcoming visit to the Spanish capital of Herr Heinrich Himmler, the Nazi Gestapo chief, and General de Bono.

News of the intended Axis visit has been announced inconspicuously in the Spanish Press.

No comment is forthcoming and correspondents cabling the news abroad are not permitted to give more than the bare facts, as published by the newspapers in Madrid.

Reports of the movement of German troops into Rumania are also given very little prominence. Spanish correspondents in Berlin speak with one voice of the close collaboration between Germany and Rumania, but there is no speculation conflicting with the semi-official German statements regarding the reasons for the entry of the German troops.

Considerable attention, on the other hand, is being paid to the possibility of British-United States collaboration in the Pacific.—Reuter.

AALAND ISLANDS DECISION

The Finnish Diet sitting at Helsinki yesterday decided to authorise the Government to conclude an agreement with the U.S.S.R. regarding the demilitarisation and non-fortification of the Aaland Islands, in accordance with a Bill tabled by the Government.—Reuter.

TROOP TRAINS CROSS IN FROM TRANSYLVANIA

ACCORDING TO REPORTS received by Reuter in London, German troops to be stationed in Rumania crossed into Rumanian territory yesterday afternoon.

Two trains carrying a total of 4,500 fully equipped soldiers crossed the frontier from Transylvanian territory.

When questioned by the authorities, the report adds, they stated that in the first instance they had come to Rumania to defend the oil region and secondly they had come as instructors to the Rumanian army.

It is understood that fortification works at Giurgiu, in the oil region, and Buzau are on the point of completion ready for the installation of the latest German A.A. batteries.

Special machinery has also arrived from Germany for enlarging and levelling existing Rumanian military aerodromes.

Official Statement !

Only shortly before the reported arrival of German troops, the British Legation in Bucharest had received a statement signed by Luca Sturdza, Rumanian Minister for Foreign Affairs, declaring "There is not a single German regular soldier on Rumanian soil to-day." The statement was confirmed by the War Ministry.—Reuter.

CHINA GRATIFIED

MR. QUO TAI-CHI, CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN LONDON SAID IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT THE REOPENING OF THE BURMA ROAD WAS A MATTER FOR DEEP SATISFACTION BUT CERTAINLY WAS NO SURPRISE.

For what was the result of closure but that Japan immediately proceeded to arrest British subjects right and left, invade Indo-China and conclude military pact with Germany and Italy.

Among Chinese, the present news would arouse hopes that new chapter in British policy the Far East is now opening one in close cooperation with the United States and China and was to be hoped, Russia.—Reuter.

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8,000 Killed In Month Of Air Raids

CHEERFULNESS AND CONFIDENCE WAS THE KEYNOTE OF MR. CHURCHILL'S LATEST STATEMENT ON THE WAR SITUATION, DURING WHICH HE DISCLOSED THE DECISION TO RE-OPEN THE BURMA ROAD.

A month has passed, said the Prime Minister, in opening, since Hitler turned his rage and malice on the civil population and Britain's great cities.

He had declared he would raze our cities to the ground and since then he has been trying to carry out his full purpose.

Naturally, the first question we should ask is to what extent the full strength of the German bombing force has been employed. The best opinion I have been able to form, on what is necessarily to some extent a matter of speculation, is that after severe mauling on August 15, the German short-range dive-bombers, of which there are several hundred, have been kept carefully out of the fight.

This may be because they are being held in reserve to play their part in the general plan of invasion or to reappear in other theatres of war.

We have, therefore, to deal with the long-range heavy German bombers alone. It would seem that taking day and night together, 400 of these machines have visited us every 24 hours. No doubt concentrated efforts could increase the figure for a few days at a time, but this would not sensibly affect the monthly average.

Certainly, said Mr. Churchill, there has been a considerable falling in the last ten days and during the month that has passed since heavy bombing began we have had a steady decline in casualties and in damage to property.

Speaking of the Dakar incident, Mr. Churchill said that by a series of accidents and some errors, which had been made the subject of disciplinary action or are now subject to formal enquiries, neither the First Sea Lord nor the Inner Cabinet were informed of the approach of French warships to the Straits of Gibraltar until it was too late to stop them passing through.

Raid Casualties

Mr. Churchill also said that since the mass attacks on Britain commenced, nearly 400 long-range heavy bombers have on an average visited our shores every 24 hours.

It was doubtful whether this rate of sustained attack could be greatly exceeded.

"I hesitate to say anything of an optimistic nature because our people do not mind being told the worst but they resent anything in the nature of soothing statements which are not borne out by events and, after all, war is full of unpleasant surprises. On the whole, however, we may, I think, in all reserve reach the provisional conclusion that the German average effort against this country absorbs a very considerable part of their potential strength. I should not like to say we have the measure of their power, but we feel more confident about it than we have ever been before."

Up to last Saturday, air raid casualties were about 8,500 killed and 13,000 wounded.

Since heavy raiding began on September 7, the figures of killed and seriously wounded had steadily declined from over 6,000 in the first week to just about 6,000 in the second, about 4,000 in the third, and 3,000 last week.

"We Can Take It"

Destruction of property, however, had been considerable though it was easy to get an exaggerated impression even in that matter.

Declaring that neither by material destruction nor by slaughter would the people of the British Empire be turned from their inexorable purpose, Mr. Churchill went on to speak of the remarkable spirit of the people who had suffered by German frightfulness.

"In all my life I have never been treated with so much kindness as by the people who have suffered most. One would have thought, exclaimed the Premier amid cheers, one had brought them some great benefit instead of the blood, tears and sweat which is all I have ever promised. On every side there is the cry 'We can take it.'"

Mr. Churchill said that Mussolini had some experiences ahead of him which he did not foresee at the time when he thought it safe and profitable to stab the stricken and prostrate French Republic in the back.

Referring to reprisals, Mr. Churchill said that our object must be to inflict the maximum harm upon the war-making capacity of Germany and that was the only object we shall pursue.

German Bombing

Mr. Churchill said that the Germans claimed to have discharged 22,000 tons of explosives upon Britain since the beginning of the war. They claimed that on last Thursday week, 251 tons were thrown upon London in a single night. On that particular night, 180 persons were killed.

That was to say that it took a ton of bombs to kill three-quarters of a person. Therefore the deadliness of attack in this war appeared to be only one-thirtieth of that of 1914-18.

Mr. Churchill gave Britain's shelter system as an explanation.

Mr. Churchill declared that it would take ten years at the present rate for half of the houses of London to be demolished but quite a lot of things were going to happen to Hitler and the Nazi regime before even ten years were over (cheers).

Sterile Controversy

Asking his hearers not to go into a sterile controversy on the subject of what were or were not reprisals, Mr. Churchill declared that no-one must look forward to any relief from bombing merely from winter weather but he added:

"It may be that some new method will be devised to make the wholesale bombing of the civilian population by night or in fogs more exciting to the enemy than it is at present."

Declaring that he would not forebode any of these measures Mr. Churchill said, amid laughter and cheers: "It would be much better for us to allow our visitors to find them out for themselves in due course by practical experience."

Declaring that they must have a shelter with sleeping bunks for every person in areas liable to constant attack, in the shortest possible time, Mr. Churchill announced that large schemes were already on foot for providing food and hot drinks for those who sleep in shelters and also for entertainment through the winter evenings.

Compulsory Insurance

Widespread organisations for relief of those whose homes were smitten were already in being and were being expanded. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had virtually completed preparation of a bill for nationwide compulsory insurance against damage to property from the enemy's fire. (Cheers). Everyone could be covered and covered with retrospective effect from the beginning of the war.

Government also proposed to provide insurance against risk of war damage for all forms of moveable property, including household effects.

"Thus," said Mr. Churchill, "we shall be able to prove to all that Hitler's act of mass terror against the British nation has failed as conspicuously as his magnetic mine and other attempts to strangle our seaborne trade."

Invasion Danger

Referring to the promised invasion the Prime Minister declared: "Do not let us be lured into supposing that the danger is past. On the contrary, unwearied vigilance and the swift and steady strengthening of our forces by land, sea and air which is in progress must at all costs be maintained. The enemy has certainly got plans to throw half a million men in a single night on to the salt waters—or into it." (Laughter).

Mr. Churchill declared that the main reason why an invasion had not been attempted up to the present was the succession of brilliant victories gained by British fighter aircraft.

The three great days of August 15, September 15 and September 27 had proved to all the world that over our own island we had mastery of the air.

Tremendous Fact

This was a tremendous fact. These victories of the Air Force enabled the Navy, which was now receiving very great reinforcements, apart altogether from the American destroyers now coming rapidly into service, to assert its sure and well-tried power.

In the air, both in fighters and bombers, we were at this moment, after all these months of battle, substantially stronger, actually and relatively, than we were in May.

The pilot situation was rapidly improving. No-one, Mr. Churchill went on, had ever pretended that we could overtake Germany's immense lead in the first year or so of war.

"We have a long lapse to make up. We must give ourselves a chance. Perhaps it will be possible to make a more satisfactory statement on this subject at this time next year."

No Prophecies

Referring to the reinforcement of the British armies in the Middle East and elsewhere, Mr. Churchill said that he would make no prophecies about what would happen when the British, Australian, New Zealand, Indian and Egyptian troops came to close grips with the invader who

was now making his way across the desert towards them.

"All I will say is that we are doing our best and there, as here, we feel a good deal better than we did some time ago."

Referring to the Dakar episode, Mr. Churchill said this operation was primarily French and though they were ready to give it a measure of support which might, in certain circumstances, have been decisive they were no more anxious than General de Gaulle to get involved in a long and sanguinary conflict with the Vichy French.

"That General de Gaulle was right in believing the majority in Dakar were favourable to Free Frenchmen I have no doubt. Indeed I think his judgment has been found extremely sure-footed and our opinion of him has been enhanced by everything we have seen of his conduct in circumstances peculiarly and perplexingly difficult."

Larger Cause

After paying this tribute to the judgment of General de Gaulle, Mr. Churchill said Government had no intention whatever of abandoning General de Gaulle's cause until it was merged, as merged it would be, in the larger cause of France.

The whole situation at Dakar was transformed in a most unfavourable manner by the arrival there of three French cruisers and three destroyers which carried with them a number of Vichy partisans evidently of a most bitter type.

These partisans were sent to overawe the population and to guard the defences.

Efforts Failed

The policy which His Majesty's Government had been pursuing towards the Vichy French warships was not to interfere with them unless they appeared to be proceeding to an enemy controlled port. By a series of accidents

and some errors which had been made the subject of disciplinary action neither the First Sea Lord nor the Inner Cabinet were informed of the approach of these ships to the Straits of Gibraltar until it was too late to stop them.

Orders were given to stop them at Casablanca. These efforts failed but the Vichy cruisers were prevented from carrying out their further purposes of attacking Duala.

Of the four French vessels concerned, two succeeded in regaining Dakar while the other two were overtaken by British cruisers and were induced and persuaded to return to Casablanca without any actual violence.

The fight which ensued between British ships and shore batteries at Dakar, reinforced with the 16-inch guns of the damaged Richelieu, was pretty stiff.

Two Vichy submarines which attacked the fleet were sunk. The crew of one were happily saved.

Two French destroyers were set on fire, one of the cruisers badly hit and the Richelieu herself suffered further damage.

On our part, a battleship and a large cruiser suffered damage which, though it had not prevented them steaming and fighting, would require considerable attention when convenient.

Spain's Needs

Mr. Churchill concluded with a reference to Spain.

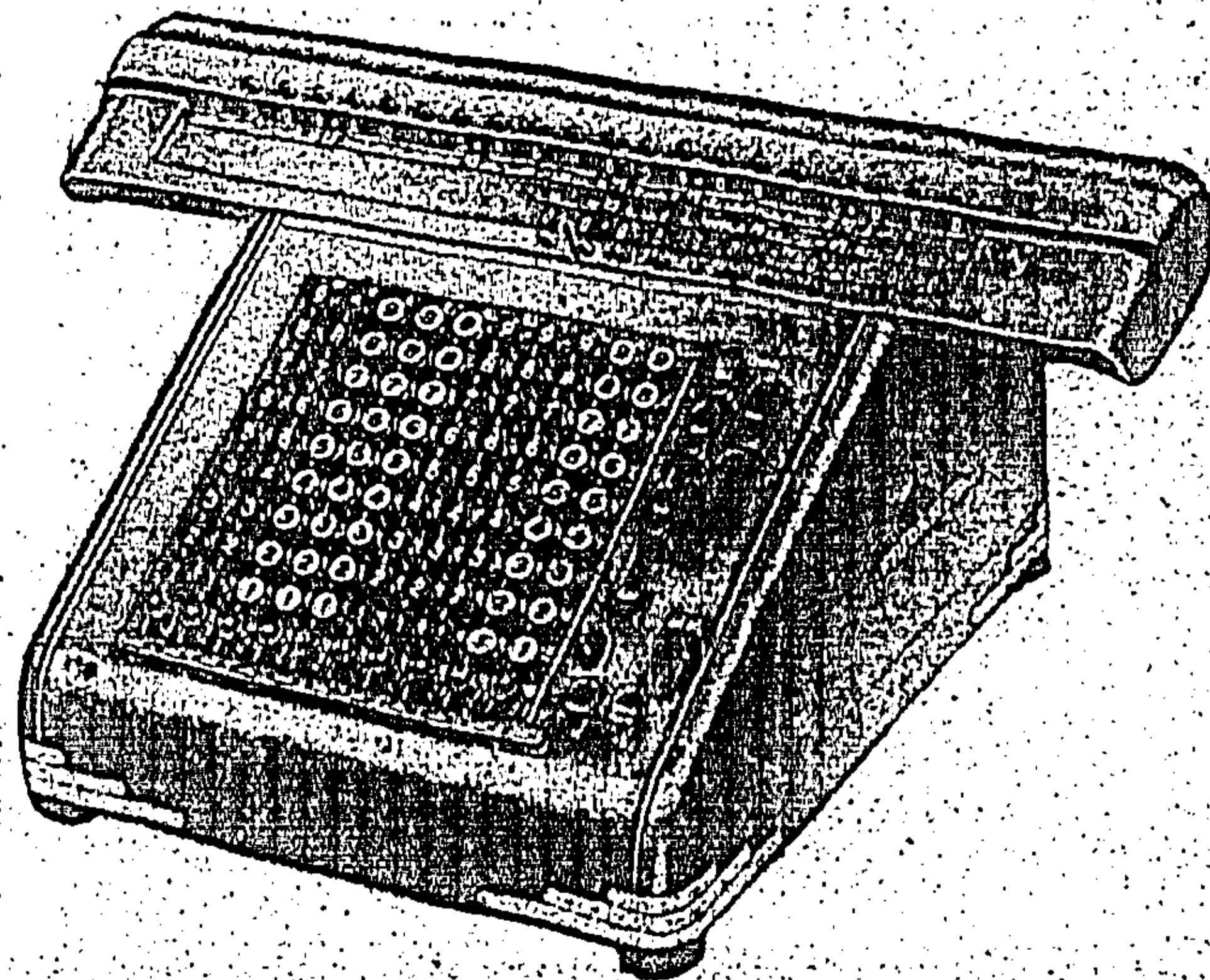
There was, he said, no country in Europe which had more need of peace, of food and trade than Spain.

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COWARDLY EVASIONS BY THE RUMANIANS

SOME OF THE circumstances attending the new development in Rumania are a matter of direct concern to Great Britain, declared the London "Times" in an editorial yesterday on the entry of German troops into that country.

During the past fortnight several leading British businessmen have been arrested and no regular judicial proceedings instituted against them; the protests of the British Minister have been met by the Rumanian Foreign Minister with cowardly evasions.

Unhappily the evidence available shows that some or all were subjected to physical violence in order to extort confessions of sabotage in the oil fields.

The alleged revelations obtained by this process is one of the pretexts of the Nazi action. It need hardly be said that the charges are a hollow sham. Throughout the earlier part of the war, Rumania was bound by ties of alliance with France and Britain. Nazi tactics of sudden and provoked attacks on neutral countries had become familiar and it would have been criminal negligence on the part of the Rumanian Government not to have made plans to prevent such an attack for the destruction of oil wells and other objects of military value.

Revolting Hypocrisy

In drawing up such plans the British and French managers of the oil fields and engineers might well have been consulted.

Whether any of them are now under arrest for taking part in such consultations is impossible to say but the Rumanian authorities are guilty of the most revolting hypocrisy when they make such projects the pretext for the brutal maltreatment of British subjects.

The methods adopted are, unfortunately, too like those employed recently against British subjects in Japan to leave any question as to the ultimate source of their inspiration.

But it would be a grave mistake for those who perpetrate and condone such outrages at the instigation of Berlin to suppose they are doing themselves or their country any good.

Day Of Reckoning

These things will be remembered on the day of reckoning. The latest movement doesn't seem likely to produce any marked effect on the situation in south-east Europe or counteract or influence the almost undisputed control exercised by the British Fleet and once more illustrated by the recent operations in the eastern Mediterranean.—Reuter.

COMMITTEE TO SPEED SALVAGE

Whitehall is to take its share in the new Salvage Campaign. An Inter-Departmental Committee has been set up to secure greater liaison between the salvage activities of the Ministry of Supply, which is responsible for the campaign, and other services and departments.

Mr. R. C. Morrison, Labour and Cooperative M.P. for Tottenham, is to be chairman of the committee, on which will be represented the Admiralty, War Office, and other Ministries.

Mr. Herbert Morrison has suggested that the Committee should exchange information on salvage work and methods of departments concerned, recommend new action when desirable, and circulate data.

Tottenham Borough Council, which has a modern and efficient salvage service, is putting in a new plant for processing pig food which will treble its capacity.

S.O.S. FOR GLASS

Glaziers are having a busy time on the south-east coast. They are working from dawn to dusk replacing windows shattered during air raids—windows in shops, houses and hotels.

Nearly all the broken windows are those which had not been treated with anti-blast material or strips of adhesive tape. Even those that have been treated are often cracked so badly that they are in danger of falling in, and have to be replaced.

But there are no flying splinters from them, and local A.R.P. officers are urging a greater use of counter-blast material.

Whenever our guns go into action against enemy planes or bombs are dropped, the glaziers stand by waiting for the hundreds of urgent calls which come directly the batteries cease fire.

One glazier told the press that after a fierce strafing of enemy planes the other day, his men put 164 panes of glass in house windows.

One housewife said that all the windows in her house had been shattered and replaced three times.

TURKISH TALKS WITH SOVIET

Haydar Atkay, the Turkish Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. left Istanbul for Moscow yesterday to resume his post.

Mr. Atkay returned to Ankara at the beginning of September to report to the Turkish Government.

Meantime, the German Ambassador, von Papan, has returned to Ankara after three weeks' vacation in Istanbul.—Reuter.

HUNDRED BOMBS ON BERLIN

An Air Ministry communique dealing with the Berlin raid, says: "Last night, strong forces of bombers made successful attacks on military objectives in Berlin."

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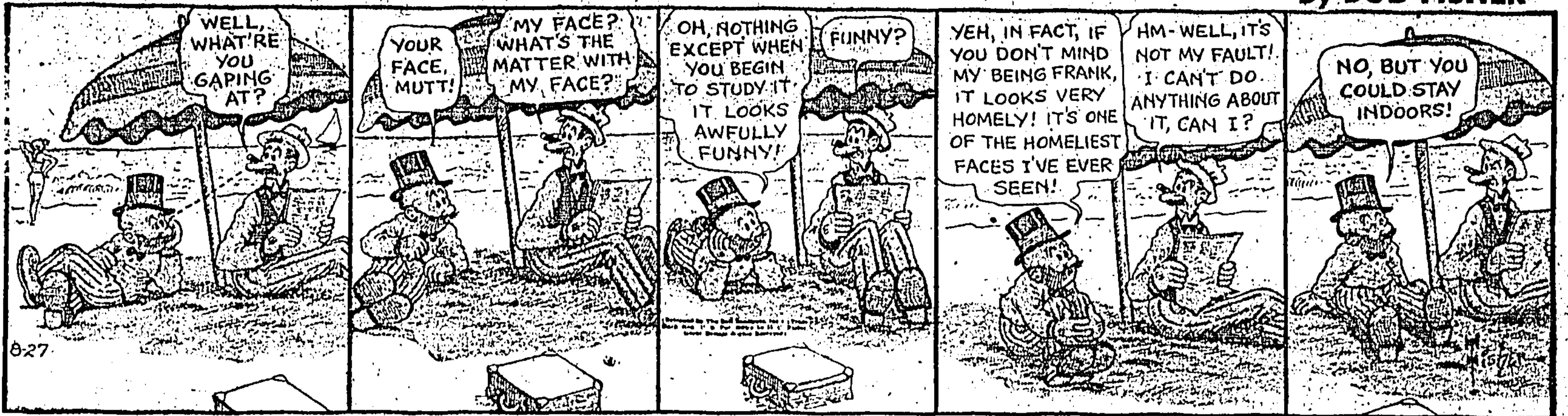
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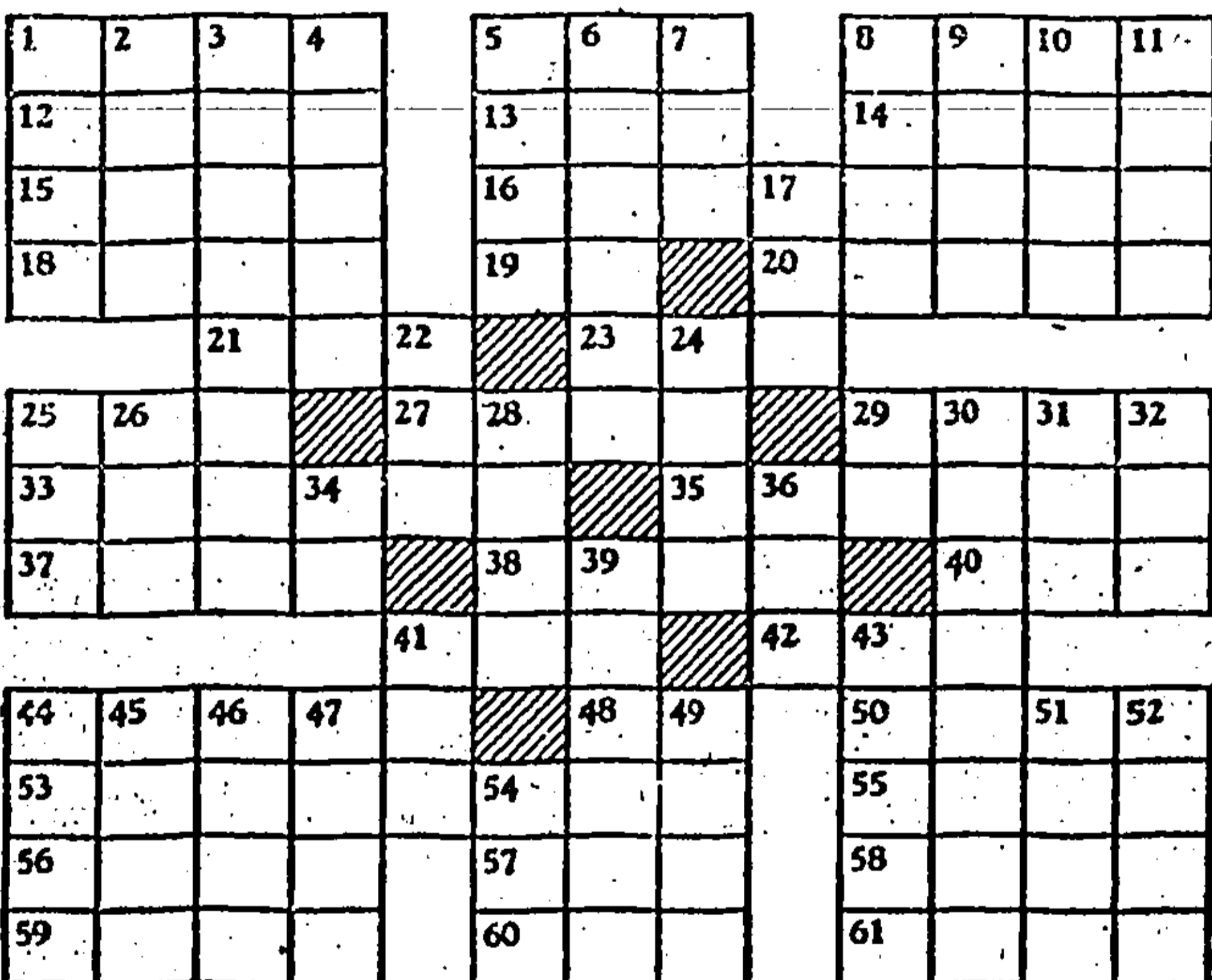
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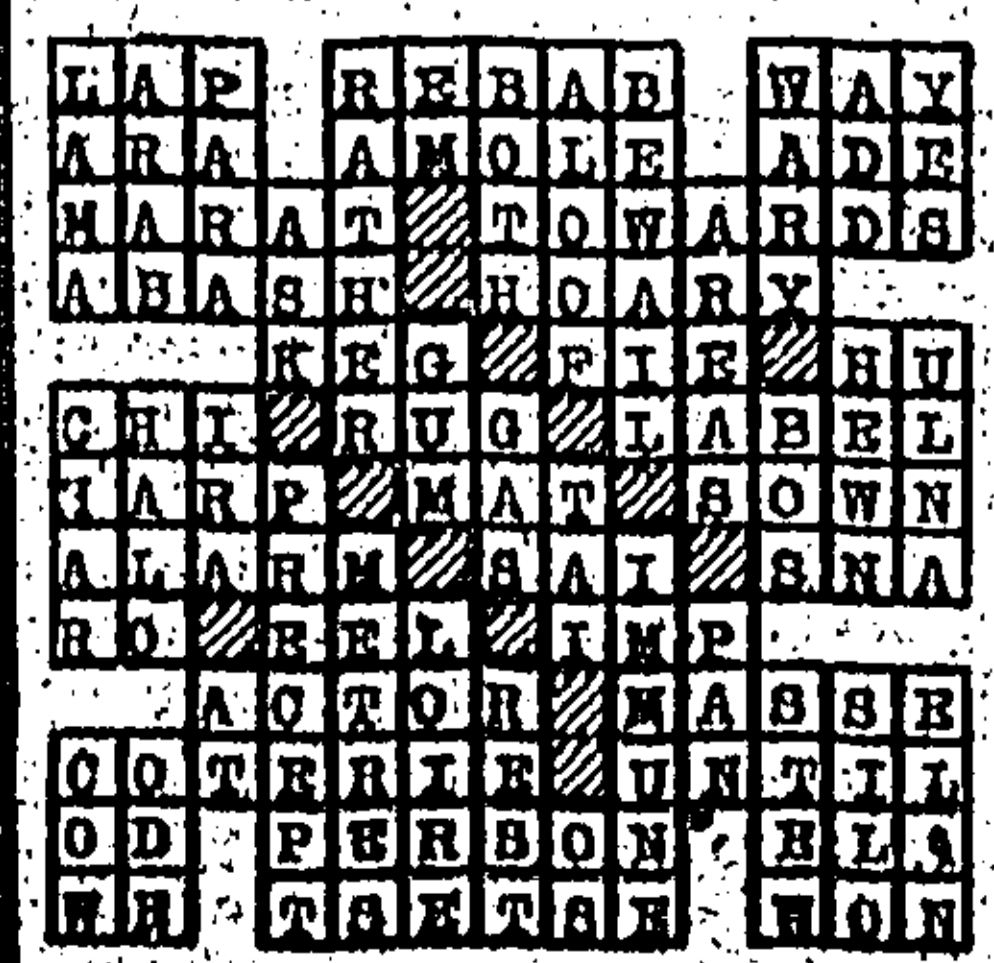
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21 Prefix, not
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25 Moslem name
27 Small particle
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33 To narrate again
35 Stories
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



MULLAH ORDERS AID FOR BRITAIN

The recent bombing of Haifa and Aden and other Moslem centres clearly shows that Italy and Germany cannot tolerate the existence of Moslems in this world, says the Mullah Saheb of Bhutan, the well-known spiritual leader of the Afridis, in a statement issued at Peshawar.

The statement was made in a fatwa (religious judgment) which has been widely proclaimed in the tribal area of the North-West Frontier.

The Mullah refers to Italy's anti-Moslem policy and relates instances of Italian enmity towards Turkey, Albania and other Moslem countries. He orders his followers to help the British Government and thereby ensure the safety of their religion.—Reuter.

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The present position affects the tanning and dyeing industries and the manufacture of wholesale and retail American trades.

The message deals with the procedure concerning waterfront arrivals and the limitation on travellers' funds and also refers to freight rates.—Reuter.

CLASSIC RACES CANCELLED

The Newmarket meeting on October 16 and 17, including the Cambridgeshire and the substitute St. Leger Stakes, has been cancelled, it was stated in London yesterday.—Reuter.

DOUBLE TENTH PRECAUTION

Precautionary measures have been adopted by the police against possible disturbances in connection with the celebration of the "Double Tenth" to-morrow.

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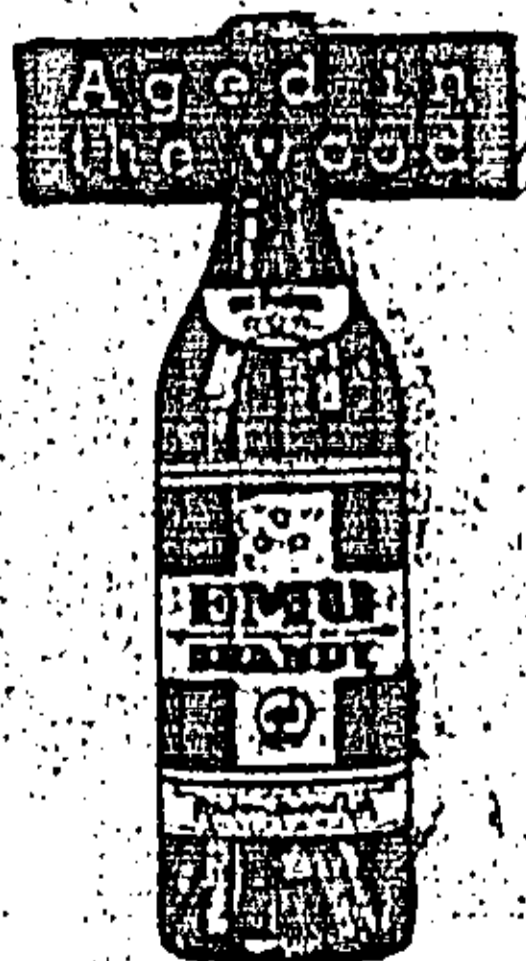
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FIRST EYE-WITNESS STORY

HOW BRITISH FORCES LEFT BERBERA

THE HOPE EXPRESSED in some quarters that our forces in British Somaliland would be able to hold the Italians has not been realised.

The position was that we had a wide front to defend, with a series of hills on the north side penetrated by the Tugargan Pass, a dried-up river bed which becomes a torrent when it rains. The defence was prepared as well as possible in the hills, there being practically only open desert between them and Berbera.

It was never contemplated that a defence force so slender as ours could hold the Italians. Although our fighters and bombers gave invaluable support, it was expected that the Italians would reach Berbera in a week.

Italy sent three brigades of Abyssinians to deal with the Tugargan Pass. When the strength of the opposition was discovered a brigade from Italian Somaliland was brought up, with considerable artillery. Native troops came from Dire-dawa, moving only at night and lying in the shade of trees during the day. They brought 25 tanks, three of which the Somaliland Camel Corps destroyed at the outset.

Italians Quarrel Over Food

Supplies were brought by mule pack, but our resistance at Tugargan upset the Italian plans and created a shortage.

An insight into the food situation was given by African colonial troops who escaped after being taken prisoners. They returned wearing only shorts. They explained that Italian officers had taken the rest of their clothing and quarrelled over their iron rations.

The British had some five infantry battalions as well as the Camel Corps. The Italians had the advantage that they could continually replace tired by fresh troops.

The invasion began on Aug. 4 and by Aug. 11 the Italians had reached the main position at Tugargan. A four-day battle ended with the fall of Observation Hill, the most important of our defence positions. A minor position, Mill Hill, which had greatly assisted Observation Hill by the accuracy of the Camel Corps' artillery fire, was taken on the 13th. From there the Italians concentrated on the key position, which was defended by a company of African colonial troops and a Camel Corps battery mortar detachment.

Odds Of 15 To 1

Here, as elsewhere, the odds varied from 15 to 1 to 10 to 1. The Italians launched two brigades and turned on all the artillery they could bring up. We were enfiladed by a dozen machine-guns. For two days our slender garrison resisted the murderous onslaught, but in the end had to submit to superior force and retire as best they could. But they left their mark on their opponents, who suffered serious losses.

All this time two companies of African troops and two companies of Indians were holding the hills to the east of Mill Hill against forces estimated at a brigade, at least, with full artillery support. Positions were repeatedly lost and retaken by brilliant counter-attacks.

The African and Indian troops behaved magnificently, and held on remarkably under incessant machine-gunning and bombing. With the fall of Observation Hill it was clear that the position was no longer tenable and that evacuation was inevitable. Berbera is one of the worst places in the world for the organisation of an evacuation in which time is essential. It stretches for two miles along a low-lying shore, extending only a quarter of a mile inland.

There are no facilities for shipping, neither harbour, quays, cranes nor wharves. An additional difficulty was that at this time of the year the Kharif wind rages from midnight to noon, making navigation dangerous. Ships at anchor are often driven aground. Work is possible for only six hours at a stretch.

Immediately the war extended to Somaliland the Navy, seeing that embarkation was going to be a difficult business, got going quickly. An all-tide jetty was improvised, and proved invaluable during the evacuation. Even then weather conditions imposed periodical interruptions.

Natives Go First

Naval ratings were landed to replace the police, who were disbanded in their own interests. First step in the evacuation was the embarkation of the non-indigenous population and the personnel of the base, to make room for the troops arriving from the interior. Hundreds of Abyssinians, Somalis, Arabs and Indians with their families and belongings had to be dealt with.

On both shore and in ships the work went on calmly, and in order, with good temper on all sides. Although the slowness of the refugees with their heterogeneous belongings was most tantalising, there was never an angry word from the sailors.

In one merchant ship I watched two young bearded giants, junior lieutenants, standing at the foot of a steep ladder, literally lifting men, women and children, one after another, bodily half-way, others hauling them aboard. No weight or encumbrance daunted them.

The seamen were gentleness personified, but they had to show some firmness in handling the native women who were terrified out of their wits at the new venture. The spectacle of these hapless folk, to most of whom the uprooting savoured of the end of the world, calmly allowing themselves to be hoisted aboard strange ships for an unknown destination, was most inspiring.

"Lord Of The Seas"

Surely it was a tribute of the confidence which, despite the present troubles, they still put in "el Amir el Bahr," which means Lord of the Seas, the name they give to the King of England.

On the Friday and Saturday night positions were prepared behind the front line, and the advanced forces retired through them after a fierce battle at Barkasan lasting from 10 a.m. until dusk. The Italians attacked desperately with three brigades. Their food position was precarious and they hoped to reach Berbera quickly.

The advance of other troops along the coast from Zeila was intended to coincide with this push and cut off the coast. This plan failed, as did the Barkasan attack.

The Italians, in close formation, were simply mown down, although, as one man put it, "where we shot down one, five sprang up in his place."

Scots' Bayonet Charge

Late in the afternoon a Scottish battalion counter-attacked with fixed bayonets and drove off the enemy with severe losses, to which must be added the large number of native levies who, turning to flee before the fury of the Scots, were shot by Blackshirts standing behind. Later the Scots gave the Blackshirts a severe drubbing. In the withdrawal this same Scottish battalion added to its laurels by manhandling an anti-tank gun from the line through intense machine-gun fire to a lorry 1,000 yards distant.

MESSAGE FROM DEAD SCIENTIST

Any claims by mediums to have communicated with Sir Oliver Lodge since his death or to have divined the substance of the sealed letter left by him, will be carefully investigated by the Society of Psychical Research before the message is opened.

Mr. Harry Price, hon. secretary of the University of London Council for Psychical Investigation, stated that he expected that hundreds of unreliable mediums and clairvoyants would claim to have received messages from Sir Oliver.

"The Society," he said, "will have to be particularly careful because, once the message is opened, it might be seen by a number of people, and its value as a test would be lost."

"Even if a medium of repute should divine the message it would not prove survival. A medium of good repute might be so well acquainted with Sir Oliver that he might have learned the contents of the message by telepathy while he was alive, and unconsciously reveal it during a seance. Or again, mediums and clairvoyants might divine the contents merely by handling the letter itself."

It was pointed out that Sir Oliver's death took place on the 62nd anniversary of his wedding.

The Italians were so exhausted and had been so heavily punished by the R.A.F.'s continuous long-distance patrols that they were unable to hinder the evacuation from the land, and only put up a small and innocuous air raid.

Through the night we watched an unending procession of transport of every description winding across the plain towards the shore.

Not A Hitch

The actual embarkation started at 1 p.m. on Saturday and continued through the night into the following afternoon. Anxious eyes ever scanned the sky and watched the desert for signs of the enemy, but the Italians were too busy licking their wounds, and all passed off without a hitch and without interference. Indeed, the moment selected for the withdrawal could not have been more opportune.

It was a remarkable achievement, for a high wind was blowing and a heavy sea running most of the time, making it impossible for lighters and difficult for launches to navigate. Except for a very few outlying posts, who are still being picked up by the Navy, the whole force was embarked. The greatest credit is due to all concerned for the successful handling of such a large number of troops and civilians.

Saving The Stragglers

The tireless Navy, as usual, had the lion's share of the work and saw to everything, particularly the stragglers, for whom again and again they went out specially to rescue. In one case we saw from the ship two figures far along the coast, wearily making their way to Berbera.

A boat was sent out, and when it was impossible to reach the beach the sailors waded ashore and carried the stragglers in their arms to safety. They were African soldiers.

With an impressive naval escort the convoy of ships, a tug drawing two barges with guns and Bren carriers bringing up the rear, steamed from Berbera. The last view of the capital was a column of black smoke, a sign of the final sacrifice of equipment that could not be embarked.

Before she sailed a warship bombarded the residential part of the town, now empty of people. The Union Jack was still flying on Government House when we left.

Maj-Gen. Godwin-Austen, before leaving assured Government servants and prisoners that the British Government would seek the earliest opportunity of fulfilling obligations to them, either by arrangement with the Italians or some other intermediary. The whole of the British force reached Aden safely.

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THE AIR CAMPAIGN

Britain can, at the moment, only strike directly at Germany's military strength through the air, but the world is expectant—waiting for the time when land action will be feasible. Several hints have come lately that the British authorities are beginning to visualise the possibilities of invasion—when the British air arm has gained absolute supremacy of the air. In the meantime the continuous bombing by the Royal Air Force is a remarkable accompaniment to the superb resistance which British airmen are making in Britain.

The story of the war in the air is commonly told in terms of courage and endurance. As Mr. Churchill remarked: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." But the battering of Germany and those territories under her sway is based on something more than skill and daring. If one studies the daily reports, it is seen that the centres bombed form part of a concerted bombing programme.

It has been impossible for the men in the street to keep more than a very inaccurate list of the military targets bombed, so that the statement just issued by the Air Ministry that 200 targets have been receiving particular attention is of added interest. The appointment of the new Chief of the Air Staff, Sir Charles Portal, described as the "relentless chief of the Bomber Command" is equally welcome in that the "master plan" evolved for air operations is reported to be largely due to his initiative and daring.

German bombing methods up to this time have not been anything more than a witless dropping of bombs when and how the pilots can release them. The results, while being tragic in so far as the loss of civilian life and property are concerned, have done remarkably little damage to Britain's vital points, and as the Board of Trade recently pointed out, have utterly failed to prevent a continuous flow of exports abroad.

The careful scrutiny of Germany's industrial bases is the work of men who have devoted long months to mapping and charting every item of Germany's economic life.

Five separate periods are distinguishable in the first year of the air war; the first being the period of waiting which immediately succeeded the declaration of war, the second the Norway campaign, the third the events which began with the invasion of Holland and Belgium and culminated in the battle of France, the fourth the Dunkirk evacuation and the fifth the battle of Britain, which may be said to have begun June 18, when the first large-scale air raids on England were launched.

Air action in each of these periods was distinct. In the first it was mainly confined to coastal and overland reconnaissance, leaflet dropping, and, by the Germans, sporadic attacks on ships. Only twice during this period were there forecasts of the bombing actions that were to come, first, on the day after the declaration of war when the Royal Air Force made what has been known ever since (though somewhat inaccurately) as the "Kiel raid," and, second, when, following a German raid on Scapa Flow in which for the first time bombs were aimed at land targets, the Sylt raid was undertaken by the Royal Air Force. A second big raid on Sylt was made on March 19.

In France, during the early or waiting stage, the reconnaissance work was done by individual machines. German aeroplanes, frequently of the Dornier 17 type, came over the French lines flying at a great height and took photographs. British and French machines went over Germany, also taking photographs. But the activity which attracted most attention was the extensive leaflet dropping that was done by the Royal Air Force. The leaflets were scattered over northern and western Germany, and on the first raid six million were dropped.

There were indications early in the war of that supremacy in combat which was later to be reaffirmed with such vigour by the Royal Air Force. Whenever the Royal Air Force met the enemy it gained the ascendancy. And all the time this limited air activity continued the Royal Air Force was preparing itself for much sterner work to come. Probably the manner of that preparation was not at the time clear to the enemy. It consisted not only in increasing the strength of the Air Force, but also in active service training. The reconnaissance and leaflet dropping flights helped to train our pilots and enabled them to amass knowledge of the disposition of the German defences.

All this time aircraft of the Coastal Command were maintain-

ing a watch over the seas and helping to convoy British and Allied shipping and to destroy enemy submarines.

They follow day by day every change in the ways and means of the enemy's output and distribution. These men whom Sir Charles Portal must have utilised to the very utmost, carry on their valuable work behind the lines unknown to the world at large, but on their knowledge and foresight depend the accuracy of the plans formulated by the Chief of the Air Staff. That these men are doing their work well is evidenced by the successes of the R.A.F. pilots and of their new leader and chief.

That Germany is feeling the heavy blows acutely is now clear to all. Herr Hitler is seeking other ways of attack having failed ignominiously in his vaunted capture of Britain. But the R.A.F. raids, inexorable in their calm persistence and force, are systematically lowering his striking power and preparing the way for the final attack which he will meet on land.

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In January and February a great many "hit and run" individual attacks were made on British shipping. The Germans employed evasion tactics, using cloud cover to escape British fighters. Nevertheless, Royal Air Force fighters took their toll.

A special duty devolving upon the Bomber Command of the Royal Air Force, in addition to the leaflet raids, was the "security

By
Major Oliver
Stewart

patrol" over the Frisian Islands. This had become necessary in order to check the activities of enemy mine-laying aeroplanes. All night British bombers circled over the German bases and prevented flare paths from being used.

The interest now turns to Norway. On April 9, the invasion of Denmark and Norway was announced. Immediately there was an intensification of aerial activity. Enemy cruisers in the Norwegian fjords were bombed and afterwards various aerodromes occupied by the enemy were repeatedly attacked. Stavanger was bombed

almost incessantly, mainly by Wellington aircraft.

Allied operations in Norway, however, were hampered by the absence of an air base there. An heroic attempt to establish one was made by a squadron of Gloster Gladiators, but it failed. The Royal Air Force succeeded, however, in shooting down many German aeroplanes and in maintaining a heavy bombardment of the German occupied aerodromes in Norway and Denmark so that every step taken by the enemy cost heavily in men and machines.

On May 10, the third period of the air war began with the invasion by Germany of Belgium and Holland. The Royal Air Force now had to be extended in aid of the Allied armies in the field and consequently much of its specialised air work had to be held in abeyance. Its bombing forces went into action. It was engaged on such tasks as destroying bridges and harassing German communications, attacking German supply columns, troops and tanks.

As the German armies advanced over France so the work of the Royal Air Force, both bombing and fighting, was intensified until it came to a head at the Dunkirk evacuation. In a relatively small part of France, and centred on Dunkirk, most of the British Expeditionary Force with French and Belgian troops, were cut off from the rest of the French Army. The object of the Germans was to destroy these troops. Their aim was foiled, by the Royal Air Force, which put up so fierce a defence that not only did the Germans fail in their main object of destruction, but they also lost heavily.

June 1, the German air arm suffered its most serious reverse up

to that time: 78 German aircraft were shot down or damaged over or near the Dunkirk beaches for the loss of sixteen British fighters. This was really the beginning of the establishment of Royal Air Force ascendancy. All the time during the battle of France British output of aircraft had been accelerating. Trained crews were coming out in greater and greater numbers; squadrons were reaching Britain from the Dominions. So at Dunkirk there were signs that the tide was beginning to turn in favour of the Royal Air Force.

And now we come to the concluding stage of the first year of the air war. This was the opening of the battle of Britain. June 18, was the date of the first large scale raid and it was immediately followed by raids of increasing weight and frequency. Working near their own country the Royal Air Force now began to exert to the full its newly found strength. Enemy losses mounted day by day. Working over Germany it counter-attacked with heavy and incessant bombing raids on military objectives such as oil stores, railways and armament factories. These raids into Germany, persistent, heavy and destructive, showed the offensive fighting spirit and power of the British Air Force, and its capacity to pierce the German defensive system.

The great and growing strength of the Royal Air Force was beginning to tell. Not only was the numerical disparity in favour of the enemy being removed by British manufacturing output aided by the United States and the Dominions, but enemy losses were beginning to eat into the resources of the Luftwaffe (German Air Force). The concluding stages of the first year of the air war, in fact, showed that the Royal Air Force was on its way to mastery of the air.

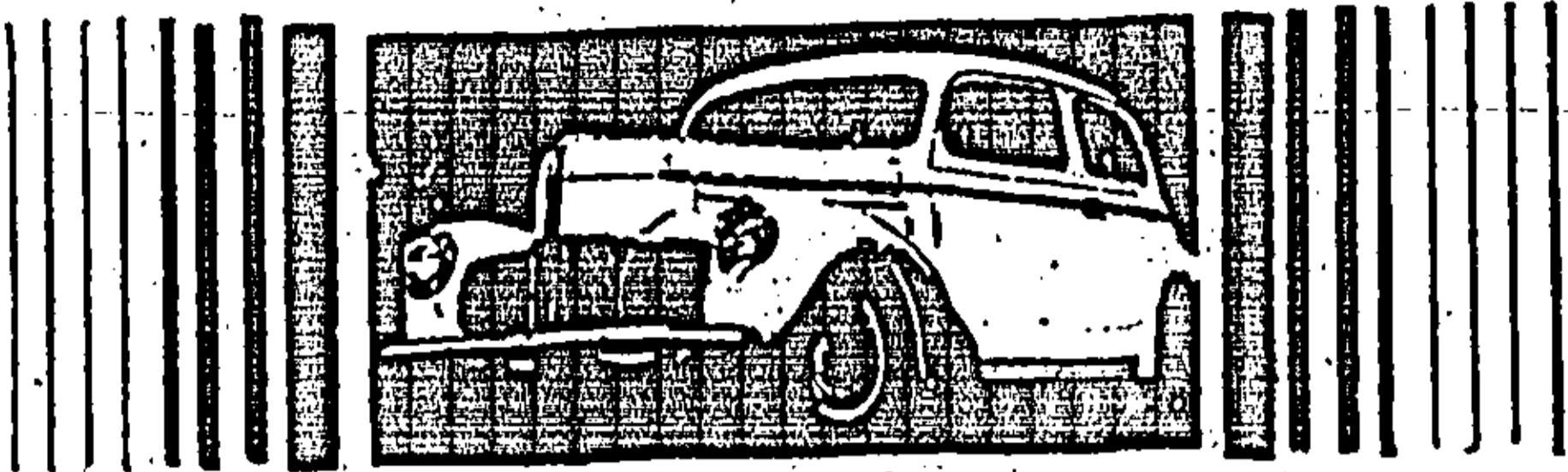


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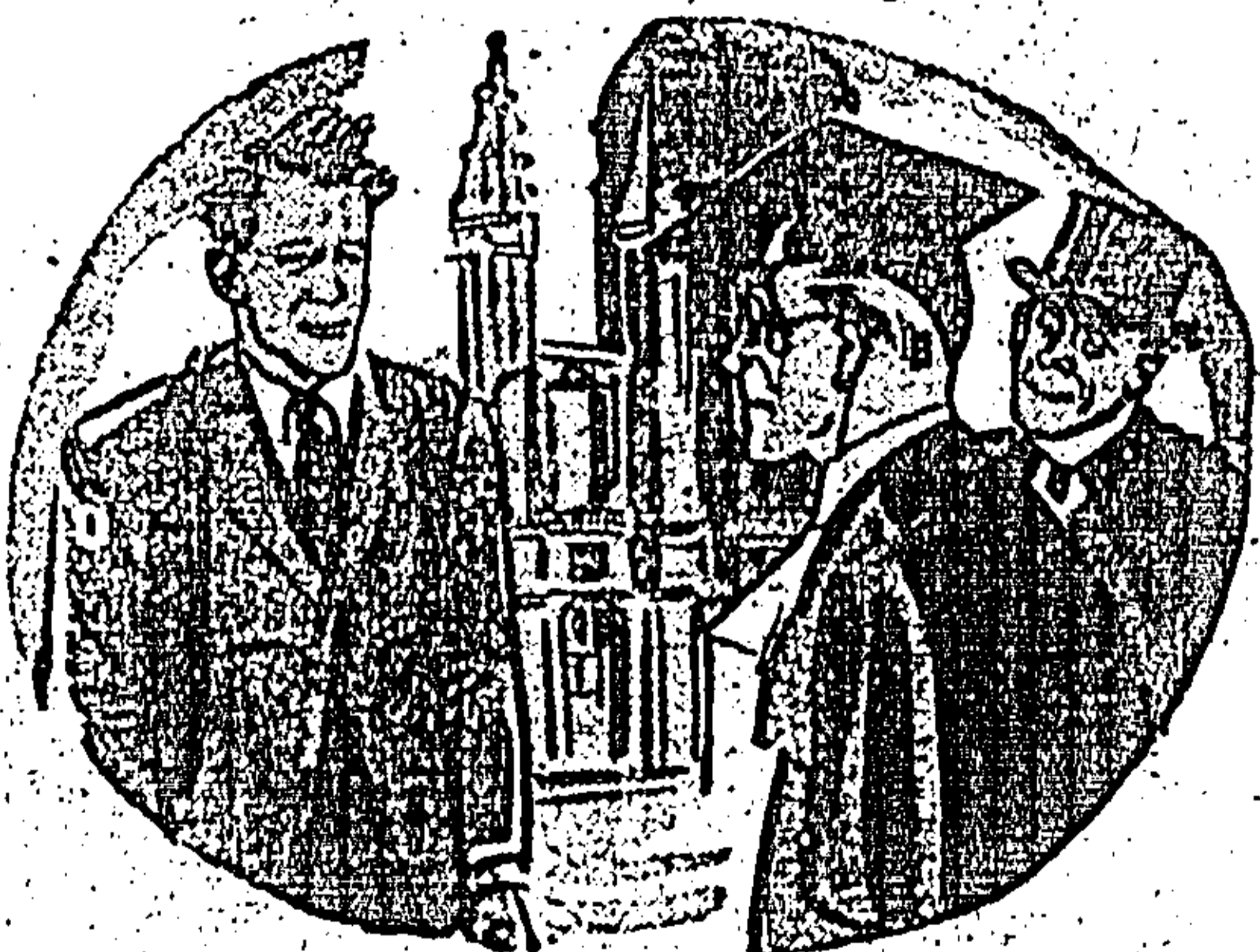
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"Good night, Sir."

VIVID STORIES OF RAIDS ON CROYDON

WHEN I ARRIVED at a district just south of London where bombs were dropped during the luncheon hour, the air raid siren was sounding a warning for the second time, writes a correspondent.

But this did not cause any panic among people who had just recently been bombed. They took shelter at once.

Soon the sky was filled with Spitfires and Hurricanes flying in formation and singly. This time nothing was heard of the enemy, and the All Clear came in a short time.

The afternoon raid damaged some working-class houses, in which people had some narrow escapes, blew out windows of a large modern inn and killed one pedestrian.

Warning Ignored

This man had repeatedly been advised to take cover, but obstinately remained in the main thoroughfare of this district scanning the sky. He was killed instantly.

An old soldier, now a member of the Home Guard, said to me:

"We got the warning just in time. For 15 minutes it sounded like the battle of the Somme. The machine-gun fire and the anti-aircraft din was terrific."

Another man, whose wife and family and two children, evacuated from Folkestone, were in the Anderson shelter when five bombs fell within a distance of about 100 yards. "Our little shelter trembled, but we suffered no shock and no damage, though our windows are broken. The daughter of a woman staying with us told me that she was on a common in this district which was deliberately machine-gunned by the enemy."

South London people saw a Nazi plane brought down when an air raid warning sounded after planes had been heard overhead. A battle was in progress over south-west London, but the planes were too high to be seen until a large black German bomber swooped down out of the sky.

Family's Escape

A woman whose house was partly demolished by a direct hit from a bomb said: "Immediately we got the warning, mother, father and we four children took refuge between the kitchen and the scullery. We have no shelter."

"There was a tremendous explosion, and the house seemed to be coming down on top of us, but none of us was hit except that mother was cut in the leg, but not seriously. We got out of the house without much difficulty."

An eye-witness said to me: "I thought the plane was coming down to machine-gun the streets, but as it flattened out at a low altitude I saw black smoke coming from it."

"It was obviously out of control, and I thought it was going to land near me, but it swept past and disappeared, losing altitude all the time." The plane is believed to have crashed later.

Between 50 and 100 raiders took part in an attack on the Croydon area in the morning, I learned. High-explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped near a railway line. An office adjoining a station was demolished but the track was undamaged. A member of the Home Guard on duty was killed.

Three German planes flew low over one place, machine-gunning two air raid wardens. They escaped by crouching in the road.

Other damage in this district included the windows of a multiple store blown in, the roof and the first floor above a green-grocer's shop ruined, and also that of the cafe next door, but all the occupants were sheltering at the time.

Soldier Badly Wounded

I am speaking from a public telephone box, the glass of which is cracked by the shock of bombs dropped a hundred yards away near where 250 customers from a public-house were sheltered. The landlord said to me: "When the siren sounded I immediately asked all these customers to leave. All went to one shelter outside,

except a Canadian soldier and a civilian who stayed in the hall. "While I was outside I saw 14 German bombers overhead flying in formation pursued by Spitfires. I ran indoors and took cover. In a few seconds there were heavy explosions, one just in front of the house."

"This was the bomb that damaged several shops. Those who live above them had taken cover in the same shelter, but the two in the hall were struck by splinters. The soldier was badly wounded and I hear has since died. The civilian was seriously injured. A pedestrian just outside who did not take cover was killed. All the windows of my house were shattered."

The bar counters of this inn were pitted with splinters, and when I called the landlord's young son in Boy Scout's uniform was chiselling them out.

A bus conductor stated that two vehicles were machine-gunned from the air while running for shelter and narrowly escaped being hit. According to a railway employee, a station was machine-gunned.

A small bus was machine-gunned in one area and a Green Line coach escaped machine-gun bullets by pulling up quickly.

PEIPING WOMAN'S "DIVINE POWER"

A 54-year-old woman who has been claiming the divine power of healing by the use of incense ash and who has established a paying business in the North has been arrested by the Peiping police.

A raid on her house unearthed a quantity of paraphernalia used for religious sacrifices and a number of scrolls presented to her by patients whom she was supposed to have successfully treated. She is facing the Peiping court on charges of practising medicine without a permit from the authorities.

LINDBERGH ROAD UNPOPULAR

Residents in Lindbergh Road, Ipswich, so deplore the "anti-British attitude of Colonel Lindbergh," that they are petitioning for the name of their road to be changed. They suggest that it should be named after an R.A.F. hero.



Debonair-Ray Milland, as a city doctor in "Untamed," coming to-day to the Queen's Theatre, plays a leading role in a primitive love drama set in the North Woods. Story was filmed by Paramount in Technicolour.

THE SILENT BOMB

Indications of two mysterious "secret weapons" have appeared in the latest series of Goering's hit-and-run raids on Britain. Both appear completely ineffective. They are:

- (1) Craters caused by bombs which no one heard, although there are houses close by.
- (2) A powder dropped in small white packets from a plane.

The "silent" bombs were apparently dropped at two places in the S. E. and one in the N. W.

A large crater was found in the S.E. not far from occupied farm buildings. It was not there the previous day and although various people were on duty within 300 yards at night when the bomb must have exploded no one heard the explosion.

Parts of the bomb have been recovered and are being submitted for examination. No damage was done.

Some experts put forward the theory that the bomb fell in soft earth and that the sound was blanketed by a building.

Riddle

The powder is an even greater mystery.

A raider dropped a quantity of it in small white packages. The police took possession of them.



Sinclair Lewis' story of a north Woods love triangle comes to the screen with Patricia Morison and Akim Tamiroff playing two of the principal roles. It is "Untamed," which opens at the Queen's to-day.



Ray Milland, Patricia Morison and Akim Tamiroff are at the centre of the romantic whirlpool in Paramount's "Untamed" the Technicolour production at the Queen's. Sinclair Lewis' "Mantrap" served as original for the screen story.

GOEBBELS WORKS OVERTIME BUT FEW BELIEVE

DOCTOR GOEBBELS is lying like the very devil. There is nothing new in that. He has been doing it for years and years. It is his particular part of the Nazi technique. All the same, it is interesting, and maybe significant, that just now he should be working overtime.

All across the world — quite literally "from China to Peru" — he is trying to spread the story that the war is finished; that Britain is down and out, ready for surrender; that Hitler has won.

Desperately, he wants to have that believed in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, in America. I don't think even Goebbels hopes to kid the Australians.

But he has hopes of all the rest. Anyway, he is trying hard.

Old Technique

Not so long ago his radio told the world (Europe and the Far East in particular) that the London correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News" had wired to his paper that Southampton is a wrecked and ruined port.

Now, in fact, what the "Daily News" correspondent had cabled that day was a bit different. He had not mentioned Southampton by name at all.

He had just said that, by all the reliable evidence he could collect, the German bombers in all their raids had not even seriously damaged one aerodrome or port, or shipyard or munition work of any military importance.

They had put just one factory out of operation for 24 hours. And that is all.

That's the truth. But Brother Josef Goebbels badly wants to tell the world that Britain is down, out, terrified, starving and on her beam ends.

It is his old technique of attempting to win campaigns by bluff and intimidation.

He is trying to persuade the Americans that it is no good trying to help these British.

He is trying to kid the European neutrals that Germany has won the war already and that they had better come to terms with her quickly.

He is trying to kid the Japanese that if they want to back a winner they ought to back Hitler.

As to the Italians, he doesn't worry. Mussolini has to do what Hitler tells him, anyway.

Kidding Stalin

It is interesting to watch this Ananias-campaign of Goebbels. Because he often gives things away without meaning to.

His trouble is that he has to keep saying different things to

different people. And it is so hard to remember them all.

That elaborate business of the "documents" found in a train in France was to convince the Soviet Government that Russia's real, implacable, enemy is Britain, that Germany's victory is the first condition for Russia's security.

Quite different is the story being sedulously broadcast in the East — both near and far. The Balkans are being told this tale:—

"Your danger is from Russia. You suspect Germany because she is the ally of Russia."

"You think that because Hitler has let Stalin take Karelia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Bessarabia he and Stalin are friends."

"Not a bit. Between ourselves, we are fooling these Bolsheviks. Just as we fooled the British at Munich."

"We are simply kidding them along."

"It is going," say Goebbels' whisperers, "to take us a month or two to deal with Britain. After Britain—Russia."

"Don't think anything in those plains can stop our armoured divisions."

"You Balkan people, remember we are the big noise. We've smashed France, we shall smash Britain, then we shall smash Russia."

"Don't you rely on Stalin and the Comintern and the Soviets and all that. We are going to deal with them next."

"We are the great big masters of everybody. Better keep in with us."

"By the way, we would like some grain and some oil and some fats and a few other things. Better give them while the going's good."

"Don't think Stalin is going to save you after we've finished with the British."

To The Japanese

To the Japanese thus:—

"Listen. Don't worry about our agreements with Russia. They are just tactics. We Nazis are really anti-Communists to the backbone. Just help us in our war with

HINT ON S'PORE FROM ROME

Japan is planning to attack Singapore if Britain obstructs Japan's policy in the Orient or if the United States enters the war, said Premier Mussolini's newspaper, "Il Popolo d'Italia."

The paper's commentator called Singapore the "pivot of British positions in East Asia" and declared that "Japan is seeking a place for itself in the best possible position strategically against Singapore, anticipating being forced by English hostility or intervention of new allies of England, to attack and overthrow the pillar of Singapore."

Il Duce's organ also published an implied Japanese threat against the Philippines, asserting that any United States aerial or naval action against Japan "would be equivalent to harakiri for the American fleet." It added "the United States has the disadvantage of offering an immediate prey to an adversary—the Philippine Islands."

Il Duce's other organ, "Il Popolo di Roma," criticised the people of the United States as "the most ignorant of the white race." It hinted strongly that Italy and Germany were counting upon Spain to offset Anglo-American influence in Latin America. Just now Spain might play this part and the precise role she will have in the Rome-Berlin Axis were not made plain.

The newspaper attacked the United States, England and France as the great enemies of Spain and its history.

Earlier in the day the official Italian news agency Stefani said Italians have "no reason to suppose that a spirit of aggression" exists in United States policy which would cause her to go to war. — Associated Press.

DECOUX GETS AN UMBRELLA

THE CHINA BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGN AND THE CHINESE PEOPLES' FOREIGN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION HAVE MAILED TO ADMIRAL JEAN DECOUX, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF FRENCH INDO-CHINA, AN UMBRELLA WITH WHICH TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM GATHERING CLOUDS.

Attached to the parcel post package containing the umbrella was this statement:—

"Celebrating the appeasement policy pursued jointly by the French Indo-China government and the Vichy government, under which Japan was granted use of Indo-Chinese military and naval bases and air fields, Japanese aircraft Monday heavily bombed Kunming, China, for the first time since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war."

"Commemorating the civilian casualties sustained as a result of the facilities accorded our enemy by your good self, we have the unique distinction to present to you on this eventful occasion an umbrella which we believe will be of immense service to you when threatening clouds are gathering from all corners of the globe." — Associated Press.

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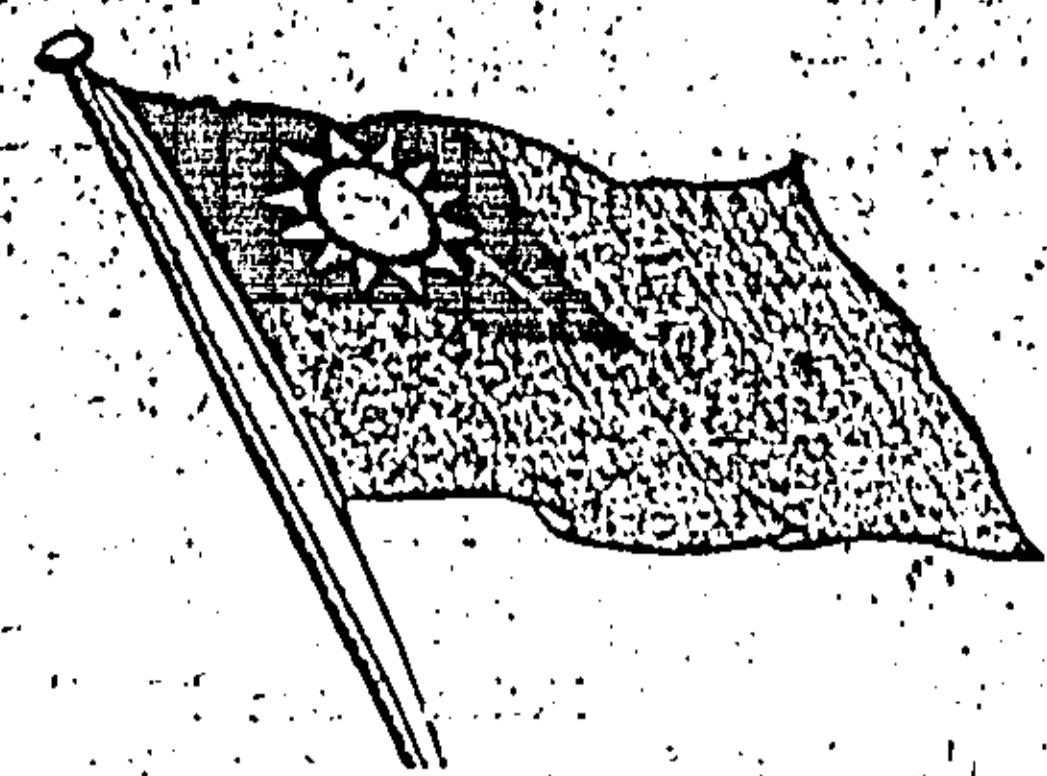
"The anti-Comintern pact still holds good. 'Mein Kampf' still holds good."

"You and we—once we get rid of these damned British—can smash Russia."

"We want the Ukraine and the Caucasus. You want Mongolia and Eastern Siberia. Yes?"

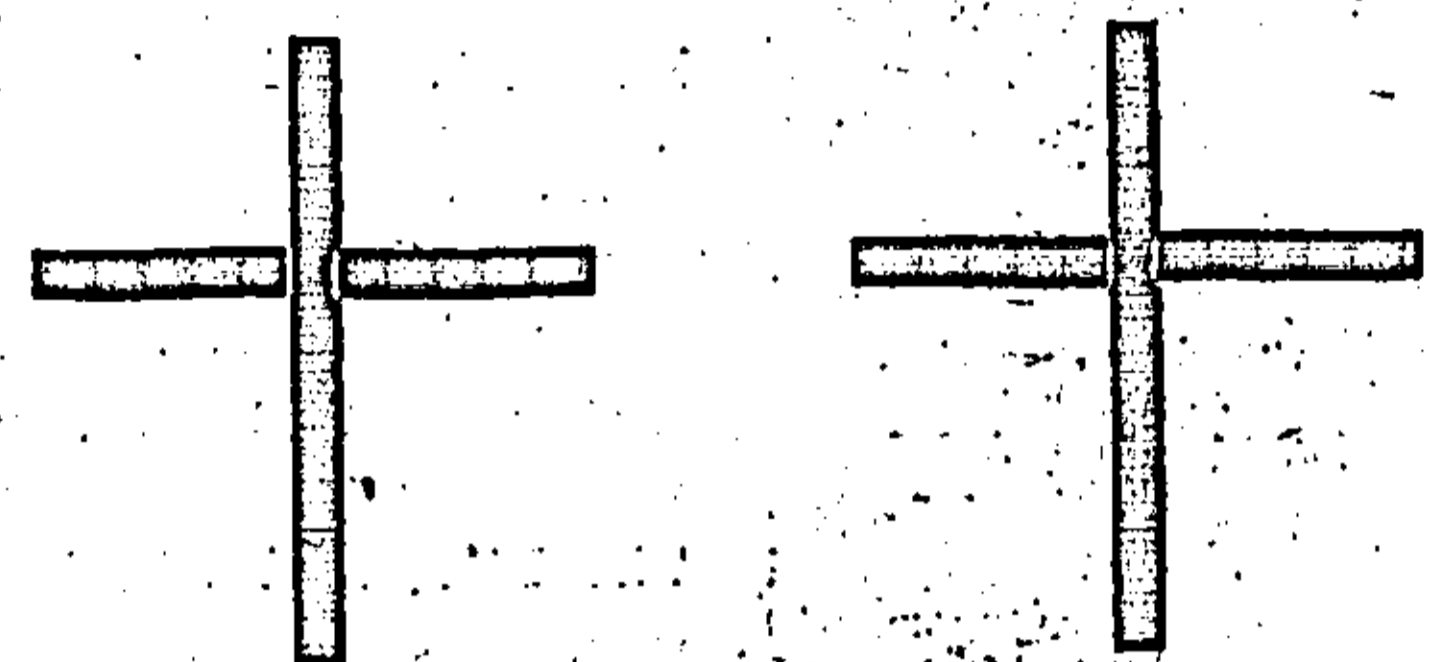
All very ingenious; all very clever. Just one thing wrong about it all. It all depends on convincing everybody that Germany is going very quickly and very thoroughly to smash the British Empire.

And, somehow or other, everybody, from China to Peru, is beginning to think that this is rather more than doubtful, that it may be just the other way round.



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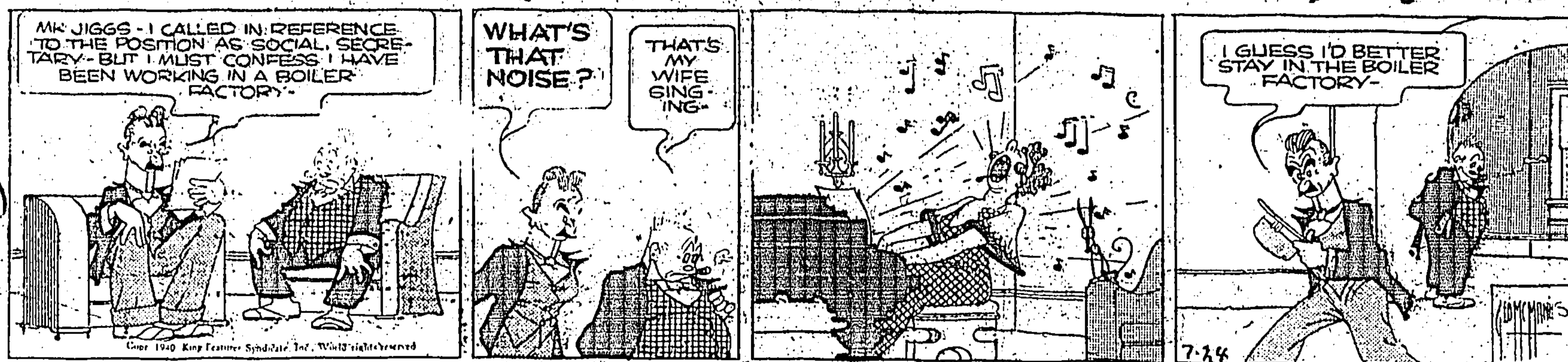
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Hot Oil Facial Excellent For Drying Climate

In a drying climate women are constantly anxious about the best treatments for dry skin and hair. They are naturally out of doors a good deal, and the sun took its toll of their beauty. So they resort to oil—an oil facial for the skin, and various oil treatments for hair. Being curious I tested two of these treatments.

The Facial

After a thorough rich cream cleansing (cream removed with a linen towel, not tissue), soothing hot oil with a delicate fragrance was massaged over my face, neck and upper chest, as I lay on a most comfortable lounge. Quantities of this oil was put on my skin and I was amazed how my skin literally drank it in. Over the oil more of the rich cream used for cleansing was patted and the two mixed by several minutes of finger massage.

If constant bright days cause squint lines, resort to an eye cream which is a combination of oils. This cream was put about my eyes just before refreshing eye pads were placed over them, and a cooling masque was tied on. For one half hour I rested in the luxury of a cool, dark, quiet room.

Then deft fingers removed the masque and eye pads and gave



SUSAN HAYWARD takes an early sun bath with her eyes protected, and a strapless suit to assure an even tanning.

my skin a good cleansing with a liquid tonic, free of alcohol. Just enough of the lubrication remained on my skin to protect it and before make-up was applied, more of the eye cream was used. To all this pampering and exquisite beauty aids, my skin responded admirably and I was very pleased

with it when I scrutinised it in a hand-mirror.

Hair Care

Whipped oil shampoo is rubbed all over your hair as if it were soap and your scalp gets a workout too. After a rinsing, a pure castile soap is used for the regular shampoo. In some manner part of the oil clings to your hair and leaves it very soft and pliable and gives it a flattering sheen. It too serves as a slight protection from the sun's heat; just as the oil does on your face.

Both of these treatments are excellent for skin and hair if you live in a drying climate, where the water is hard, or if a heat wave strikes. Both may be administered at home if you cannot afford the relaxing experience of a salon visit.

PLEASING APPEARANCE

As dresses are definitely shorter, and as the knee-fashion season is at hand, no girl or woman can be called meticulous unless her legs are nicely groomed.

Sheer stockings reveal unsightly hair, and a very smart ensemble will lose all its dash if one's legs are not smooth. There are several reliable depilatories on the market, but any girl who prefers, may use a safety razor, providing she soaps her legs before shaving them.

White gloves should always be fresh and so should lingerie touches. Soiled collars and cuffs quickly stamp their wearer as being careless. So do shoes which need cleaning or new heel lifts, spots on dresses, twisted stocking seams, dress hems hanging beneath coats, straggling ends of hair in back, or soiled looking handbags and hat bands.

We know it takes time to correct all these little flaws in dressing but time should be taken if you want to look fresh and desirable. If you set aside one evening a week to check over your wardrobe, or one morning you will soon learn how to schedule your laundry and mending so as to look trim as a button all of the time.

Plan In Advance

Business girls who have very little time to spend on their clothes

find it most satisfactory to build a wardrobe around one colour and one set of make-up. If you have many colours in your wardrobe you must have several different shades of lipsticks and nail polish and you must plan what you will wear far enough in advance to have time to change your nail polish and to tuck the right shade of lipstick and rouge in your handbag. We have become so colour conscious in recent years, that no girl can afford to wear a lipstick or nail polish which will clash with each other or with the dress she wears. The most fashionable dress can look frightful if it is worn with accessories not keyed to its colouring.

Are Your Guilty?

The beauty of any hand is entirely ruined if nail polish is chipped or if it is painted on unevenly. Rather wear light polish, which is more easily applied, if you cannot paint your nails with a sure hand when you are using the vivid hues. It usually takes two coats of the vivid shades to cover the line where your finger ends and your nail continues and that means it takes twice as much time for the job, as one coat of polish must dry thoroughly before the second covers it. Lighter polishes have their problem too, for your nail border must be bleached and whitened. Naturally fingers should be free of hangnails.



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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) and Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.02 p.m.—B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

1.22 p.m.—Three Welsh Songs.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 45 in F Sharp Minor ("Farewell"). Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra in A Major. Reginald Kell and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

6.28 p.m.—A Mozart Song.
Love, I Pray Thee ("Le Nozze Di Figaro")... Florence Austral (Soprano) with Orchestra.

6.35 p.m.—Ireland—Sonata for Cello and Piano. Antoni Sala ("Cello") and John Ireland (Piano).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 p.m.—Winnie Melville (Soprano) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.03 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Great Authors" No. 5: Charles Dickens. A talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
The Gypsy Baron—Selection (John Strass—arr. Hohnel)... George Boulanger and His Orchestra.

The First Waltz—Potpourri (Robert Schumann)... De Groot and His Orch.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—An hour of Variety.—Rode and His Triganes, Turner Layton, Reginald Dixon, Enzo Di Mola (Tenor), Clapham and Dwyer, The Bonwell Sisters, Sandy Powell, and Phyllis Robins.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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WILFRED LAWRENCE, FORMER COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPION, DELIGHTED HIS SUPPORTERS YESTERDAY WITH TWO FINE PERFORMANCES IN THE TRIALS HELD TO FILL THE TWO REMAINING PLACES IN THE COLONY TEAM TO MEET MANILA ON OCTOBER 23, 24 and 25.

Lawrence has not been fit recently and has appeared in no competitive events throughout the season and so his form was an unknown quantity.

It came as an extremely pleasant surprise yesterday, therefore, when he swam brilliantly in the 100 yards back-stroke to easily beat Lau Yiu-ting, who has given A. K. Rumjahn so many hard fights this year, in a time only three-fifths of a second outside Rumjahn's time returned in the championships, and two-fifths of a second better than the time in which he (Lawrence) won the championship in 1939.

Good Turning

Lau Yiu-ting made a determined effort to run away with the race yesterday but Lawrence swam easily, gaining a little on each turn, and then opened up with his celebrated last-length sprint to win by a body's length. There were only two starters.

The 100 Yards free-style which was held after several members' heats, was a grand race and showed Lawrence at his best.

Against two consistent sprint swimmers, and Huang, who has shown his capabilities recently, Lawrence swam a well-judged race to win comfortably.

When, at the end of the third length, Lawrence was lying last in the field of four, it was thought possible that his effort in the back-stroke event had taken too much out of him. On turning into the last length, however, he soon put any doubts at rest and swimming strongly, he overhauled Huang, who, surprisingly enough, had secured a lead of almost two yards on the rest of the field, to beat him in the last 10 yards in 39 seconds. Others who took part in this trial were Ng Tsun-man and A. V. Ozorio.

Lawrence And Lau In

Lawrence has now been nominated for the Interport team and will take part in the 100 Yards Breast-Stroke and the Free-Style Relay. It is also possible that he will swim in the individual medley event. Lau Yiu-ting has also been awarded his Colony badge although it is unlikely that he will be called upon to swim.

Results

100 Yards Back-Stroke:—1, W. Lawrence (70-3/5 secs.); 2, Lau Yiu-ting (73 secs.).
100 Yards Free-Style:—1, W. Lawrence (59 secs.); 2, Charles Huang (60-1/5 secs.); 3, Ng Tsun-man (60-3/5 secs.).

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for Fanning:—

TO-MORROW	
Old Course	
9.10 a.m.	B. A. Baker, Carr, F. N. Merritt.
9.20	F. D. Hunter, W. Hewitt.
9.24	G. E. R. Divett, G. R. Horridge.
9.28	I. H. C. Hight, J. S. Lee.
9.32	M. C. Carruthers, G. G. Allenhead.
9.36	L. M. Wylie, A. M. Mack.
9.40	A. M. Kennedy, R. C. Gairdner.
9.44	G. M. Park, I. P. Tamworth.
9.48	Comdr. Hols, L. R. Andrews.
9.52	A. Mabb, W. A. MacKinnlay.
9.56	A. W. Bourne, I. H. Gears.
10.04	P. X. Lee, A. M. Kirby.
10.44	L. H. C. Calthrop, E. H. Williams.

HARBOUR RACE ON FRIDAY

It was announced by Victoria Recreation Club this morning that the annual harbour race will be held on Friday, starting from Kowloon at 5 p.m. sharp. There will be post-entries.

AMBULANCE SPORTS

The Annual Aquatic Sports of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will, by courtesy of the Committee take place at the Victoria Recreation Club to-day at 5.30 p.m.

Lady Macgregor, Lady District Superintendent of Nursing Districts, has kindly consented to present the prizes.

WOOD GIVES U.S. NAVY A LESSON IN PITCHING

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING FAULTLESS BALL, the Stanley Mohawks blanked out the U.S.S. Asheville in a nine-nil massacre on Saturday, featured by the classy chucking of Moundsman Wood, who had the Asheville batters eating out of his hand, and, but for Giper Williamson's single, over second, would have held them to a no-hit, no-run, no-error game.

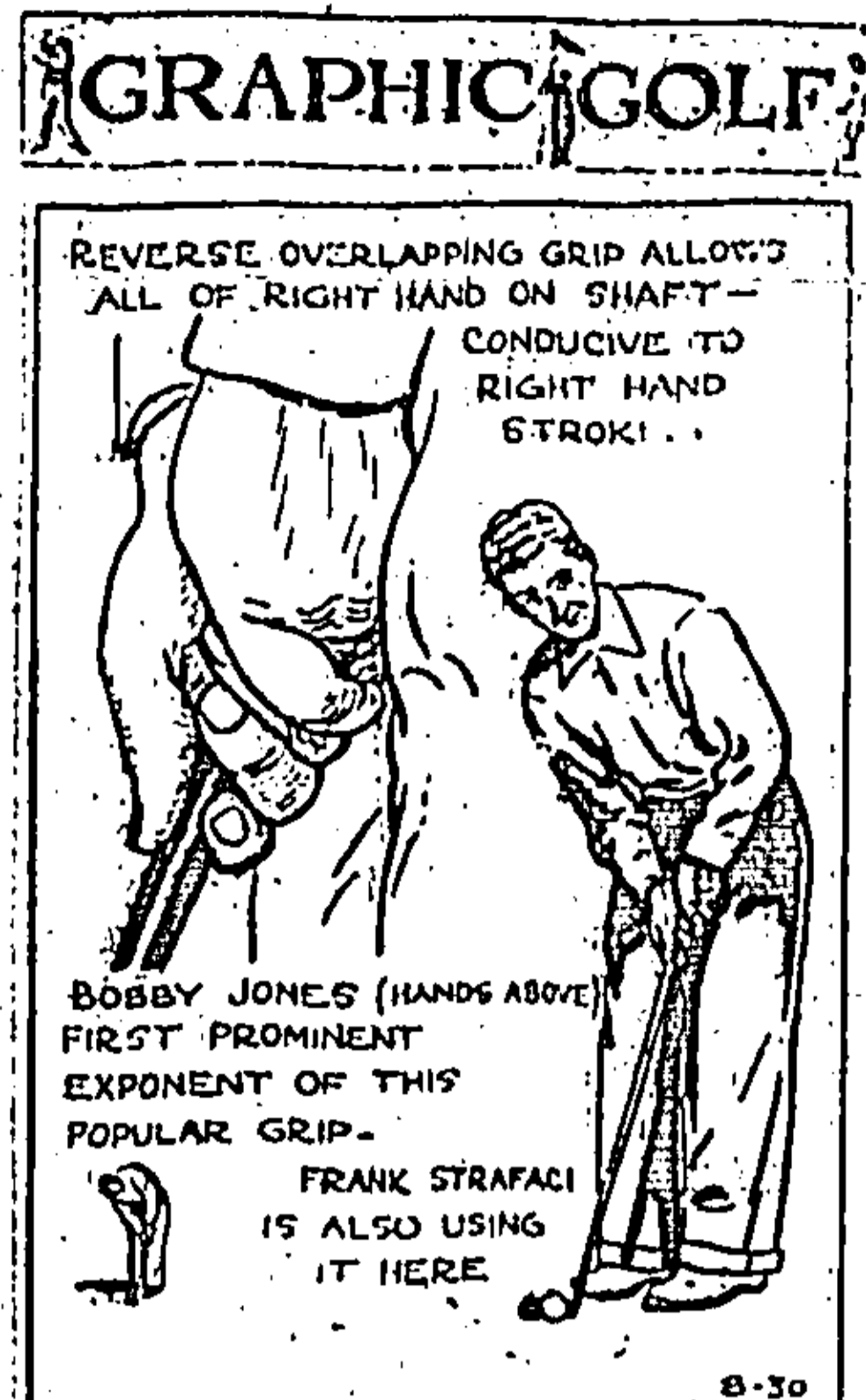
The Mohawks wielded their pet war-clubs, and splashed the apple all over the place excepting where the fielders were. For the full seven innings, the Sailors paraded no more than three men to the plate, Williamson being the only one to have reached first base, but was snuffed out by a smart double-killing, when Pete Walters nailed down Hurst's line drive to nab Williamson at first.

The Asheville boys played a fairly good game, and only committed two bobbles, both in the sixth, when Sabo ungraciously muffed Tom Evers fly, and Tony Groverdale dropped a pitch to allow Pete Walters to steal home.

Rogers made the longest hit of the day, a triple, but was nabbed at the counting station when he tried to stretch it into a homer.

Kelly Singles

In the first stanza, Joe Kelly singled to make first. Harvey passed Kenyon and Walters to jam the bases. Finding himself in the clutches, he could do no better and passed up Tom Evers as well, for Kelly to romp home with the first Mohawk run. Feeding four more balls to Sal-



GRIPPING THE PUTTER BY BEST BALL

By using the reverse overlapping grip in putting, a golfer efficiently combines the guiding accuracy of the left hand with the smooth stroking qualities of the right. Both of these qualities are important on the greens; furthermore they must blend together perfectly for a top flight performance. Such a grip is not secure enough to employ for the more vigorous wooden and iron shots, nor would it be conducive to allowing the left hand to play its usual role in such a swing. In the putt, however, the stroke should be delicately attuned and this grip lends itself admirably to such a performance.

Bobby Jones employed the grip above for years of tournament winning golf; it carried him through victories in four major engagements in one year. The club is taken back with the left hand and stroked through with the right. As most of the present day pros do now, Bobby used to take the club back with his hand touching his trousers so that there would be no straying outside the line. Frank Strafacci, who employs the same reverse overlapping putting grip, is also employing a similar technique in his stroke. (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

THE first games of the Small Units' football competition are being played this week with the H.K. Signal Company playing "D" Company of the Royal Scots at Sookunpoo to-morrow, 9 p.m. The Signals should not have much trouble in taking honours for this game, although "D" Company have one or two excellent players.

Association Football

Next Monday "C" Company of the Middlesex will meet "A" Company of the Scots at Shamshupo kick-off 4.30 p.m.

IT is proposed to run a Softball League between Units of the garrison, and those interested are asked to send in their team and manager's name to the Hong Kong Area Sports Board.

Softball

More of this sport should be seen between units but the only teams who are keen on this game so far are the Engineers, Royal Scots and the Royal Air Force, who have already entered the League.

THE Annual Rowing Regatta is only a few weeks off and some of the competing teams are getting on with their trials and practice race. The Sappers already have a proposed team for this event and are hoping to retain the "AH KING" Cup for the third successive season. Here is their team:

Rowing

Stroke—Col. Bridle.
No. 1.—L/Sgt. Bowling.
No. 2.—L/Sgt. Sheldrake.
No. 3.—L/Cpl. Foley.
No. 4.—L/Sgt. Davis.
No. 5.—Cpl. Birrell.
The Cox will in all probability be L/Sgt. Dobson who is experienced at this work.

Other teams which are entering for this competition are the 20th Hvy. Bty. R.A., 24th Hvy. Bty. R.A., and the 35 (M) C. D. Bty. R.A. from the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., the 7th (H) A.A. Bty. Regt., and the 17th (H) A.A. Bty. of the 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. and the Royal Army Service Corps, who are entering for the 1,000 yds. and 2,000 yds. races. This competition will take place in the middle of November.

AT the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps swimming gala which is being held at the Queen's Road Swimming Bath, Victoria Barracks, on Saturday evening commencing at 9.30 p.m. there is an Invitational Relay open to all Army Teams (post entries) (8 x 33 yds.), and it is hoped that there will be a large entrance for this event.

Swimming

H.K.V.D.C. have also challenged the Army to a game of water-polo at the conclusion of the gala, and here is the proposed Army Team.
Pte. Berry, (1/Mx.); Bds. Hymas, (1/Mx.) and 2/Lieut. Millar (2/RS.); L/Cpl. Bedford, H.K. Sigs.; Sig. Allen, (H.K. Sigs.); L/C Dignan, (H.K. Sigs.); L/C Slater (2/RS.).

Reserves — PSM Ure (1/Mx.), Bandmaster Jordan (2/RS.).

The Final of the Large Units' water-polo competition will be played at the Queen's Road Swimming Bath to-morrow at 6.30 p.m. The teams for this final are the Combined Small Units v The Middlesex Regiment. Colonel Clifford, the President of Area Aquatic Sports, will present the prizes at the conclusion of the game.

THE R.A.S.C. did very well in a friendly Tennis match against the R.A.F. at Sookunpoo last week when they won by 13 sets to 3.

The Royal Air Force did not have a full team playing and the only regular player was Hemsley, who, with Highlan as his partner, managed to win two sets, the only other pair to have any luck were Bartlett and Branchley, Cpls. Shiel and Lucas, newcomers to the Colony, played for the Corps and did rather well.

THE Middlesex Regt. had a battalion trial match on Sunday at Shamshupo and found one or two promising young players for their team. The Medicals beat the Ordnance Corps by 4 wickets in a friendly, with some lively cricket being played. A grand score was made by Lieut. Coombes, R.A.M.C., who added 73 runs to the score and then retired. Major Swyer also retired after knocking up a lively 25. L/Cpls. Reynolds and Stonor were the only Ordnance players who managed to get a decent score, both reaching the 20 mark.

Cricket



ARMY TENNIS

Interesting tennis was witnessed at Sookunpoo yesterday, when S/Sgt. Emberson and S/Sgt. Duffield secured the title in the Army Tennis Open Doubles (Other Ranks) tournament, beating Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Milne of the Royal Army Medical Corps by 6-1, 6-4.

S/Sgt. Emberson who had already won the Open Singles tennis tournament on Monday, is one of the leading players in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He was well supported by Sgt. Duffield of the same Regiment.

At the conclusion of the sports, Col. S. R. Hopkins presented the prizes to the winners as follows: Royal Engineers winner of the "A" and "B" League, runner-up Royal Army Ordnance Corps. S/Sgt. Emberson winner of the Singles tournament and S/Sgt. Emberson and S/Sgt. Duffield winners of the Doubles tournament.

mond, Kenyon walked home with another tally. In the second frame Lou Morgan was hit by Harvey and Kelly singled to get on. With the ducks on, Groverdale ordered one down the groove for MacKenyon to bang into the right field for two more Mohawk markers.

Getting back into form, Diamond Jim Harvey rolled Rogers, Salmond and Joe Traray in order in the third.

The next inning only natted the Mohawks one run, when Wood walked to first and scored on Walters' sacrifice. In their sixth time up, the Stanley guns barked again, and clinched the game with another four tallies on three hits, and two Asheville boots.

The only holding gem was made by Hurst who replugged Sonny Sondag at third, when he climbed up the hillside to snag Kelley's foul fly.

"Grandstand's" notes on the week-end softball matches will appear in to-morrow's issue.

"Rapier" Reviews Saturday's Race Meeting Upsets

The first day of the Eighth Extra Race Meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club was held in brilliant sunshine last Saturday and the large crowd of racing fans who turned out were rewarded with an afternoon of keen racing, the finishes in some of the events being certainly most thrilling.

The "Daily Double" pool of \$6,425.00 carried over from the last meeting attracted an additional \$30,880.00.

Riding honours among the jockeys went deservedly to Mr. D. Black, who scored two wins and a third in seven starts. His handling of Eve of Harvest in the October Handicap, the principal event of the day, revealed fine judgment. This pony will have to be reckoned with in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions as the time it returned equalled the record, although it went out 11b. under weight per inches. Congratulations are also due to Mr. W. G. Poy, who rode Springhurst to a fine win in the Cantala Handicap, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double."

Honours amongst the owners went to the Eve Stable with two wins and two seconds, followed by the Lan Stable with one win and a second and Mr. Li Pochun with one win and two thirds.

Favourite Fails

The day's programme opened with an event for China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$750, and was confined to Novice riders. The failure of Resisting Time, ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai, was due more or less to the fault of the mafoe in holding on to the pony a little too long immediately the barrier was lifted. This resulted in 1,144 win tickets and 469 place tickets being worth nothing. The race was delayed when Resisting Time bolted before the start, and when the barrier at last went up Eve of Peace (Mr. Barrow) took the lead followed by Eve of Dancing (Mr. Wood), Blue Gate (Mr. Fung), Patricia (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) and the favourite, Resisting Time, struggling with the mafoe. When it did get going the favourite was at least 80 yards behind the field. This position was maintained until after passing the Rock, when Mr. Wood urged Eve of Dancing forward to take the lead and came home an easy winner, with Eve of Peace having the better of Patricia, whose rider tried hard for second place.

Another Upset

The second race, the Jordan Handicap for first section "D" Class China ponies, resulted in another upset when the favourite, Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang) dead-heated with Sunlight View (Mr. Pih) and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Wood) for second position. On the rise of the gate West Lake (Mr. Chao) took the lead, followed by Chatterbox (Mr. Black), Portrush and Sunlight View. On coming into the straight, West Lake was still leading and running strongly with Sunlight View, Portrush and Eve of Hunting in hot pursuit, and although Mr. Pih tried his best to catch West Lake, he had to be satisfied with second place with Portrush and Eve of Hunting, which came up strongly to dead-heat.

Craigavad Disappoints

In the main event of the afternoon, the October Handicap for China ponies over the Champions distance, Confusion Bay, Mr. T. K. Li's stable crack, did not accept, and in its absence the struggle rested between Eve of Harvest and Craigavad, and I must admit that I was disappointed with the finish. The challenge which I expected from Craigavad was not forthcoming.

The race started with Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) setting up a fast pace, followed by Craigavad (Mr. Pih) and Eve of Heaven (Mr. Craven). On passing the Football Stands Distinctive Time still led with Craigavad, O-Lan (Mr. Needa) and Eve of Harvest (Mr. Black) in that order. After passing the Rock Distinctive Time fell back and Craigavad took the lead, followed by Eve of Harvest and O-Lan, but on reaching the last quarter Mr. Black began his challenge and Eve of Harvest responded game-

Rapier's Comments and Final Selections for the second day of the Eighth Extra Race Meeting will appear tomorrow.

ly, shooting out into the lead, which it maintained to the end, despite Mr. Needa's great effort on O-Lan after the latter had passed Craigavad 100 yards from the post.

Eve of Harvest's win was very convincing, and I think it could have turned in a faster time if it had been seriously challenged.

Second String Wins

The fourth race, the Austin Handicap (First section) for "B" Class China ponies, provided a surprise for punters. The second string of Kong's stable, Gay Star, carrying 166 lbs. and with Mr. Tao up, won the race to pay out the best dividend of the day, \$51.10. Jober (Mr. Chao) got away immediately on the rise of the barrier, followed by Jennifer (Mr. Proulx) and Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih). On passing the six furlongs post Jennifer took a slight lead from Jober and it maintained this until nearing the Rock, when Jober reassessed itself to take the lead, followed by Galaxy (Mr. Liang). On coming to the home stretch Jober was still leading, but it was strongly challenged by Gay Star, Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) and Conquering Time, the favourite, which overtook Jober about 100 yards from the winning post.

Rowan Beaten

The Cantala Handicap, for "B" Class Australian ponies, was the first leg of the "Daily Double," and it provided race-goers with one of the best races seen for a long time. Mr. Poy timed his challenge on Springhurst to a nicely to beat Rowan (Mr. Hearne), red hot favourite, by a short head and pay the second best dividend of the day.

Franklin (Mr. Chao) took the lead, followed by Sea Jay (Mr. Craven), Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa) and Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx). On passing the six furlongs post Flying Dutchman overtook Franklin and led up to the Rock, when Sea Jay forged ahead followed by Happy Landing (Mr. Davis), Triumphant Day (Mr. Sung) and Winfred (Mr. Pih). On coming down the home stretch Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black), which was until then shut out, came out on the outside to take the lead from Sea Jay, followed by Rowan on the rails and Springhurst further behind. On reaching the Public Stands, Rowan overtook Murrumbidgee, and it looked every inch a winner, but Mr. Poy called for a real effort from Springhurst, and the pony responded perfectly to beat Rowan by a short head. Murrumbidgee was very unlucky in this race as the pony was blocked all the way round, and the only course for Mr. Black to adopt was to bring it out from the outside, and this called for a great deal from the pony, and it consequently lacked a strong finish and had to remain content with third position.

Valorous' Great Bid

In the sixth race, the second section of the Jordan Handicap, for "D" Class China ponies, This Time showed itself a game little pony when it won when carrying 168 lbs. Mr. Wei certainly knows how to handle this great hearted pony. Palmer (Mr. Tang) made the running fairly fast, with This Time, and Double Chance (Mr. Chao) following, but on coming down the straight Palmer faded out of the race and This Time took the lead, hotly pursued by Valorous (Mr. Hearne), which had passed Double Chance. These two ponies then fought out the



finish, but This Time proved to be the stronger and its win over Valorous gave satisfaction to its numerous backers.

Won From Start

Those who successfully nominated Springhurst to win the first leg of the "Daily Double" were not presented with too great a problem in making the right choice in the second leg, which was the second section of the Austin Handicap for "B" Class China ponies. The race was won by Peaceful View (Mr. Pih) from the very start. Taking the lead, the pony never looked back, and, despite Mr. Needa's effort on King Kong it was unable to make any impression on the leader. Expansion Time (Mr. Wei) did very well to come in third. Avon, the favourite, was a disappointment, probably due to its heavy burden of 168 lbs. There were 126 ticket holders out of 751 who had faith in Peaceful View, and they were each rewarded with the handsome sum of \$206.10.

Favourite Wins

The last race of the day, the Williamstown Handicap for "D" Class Australian ponies over the mile, resulted in another favourite winning and here again Warrego River's win was due to good jockeyship on the part of Mr. D. Black, who handled his mount very well to record his second win of the day. On the rise of the barrier Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) jumped into the lead, followed by Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih), Quick Despatch (Mr. Treverton) and Colorado Star (Mr. Davis), whereas the second favourite, Catterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne), was last. On passing the Rock Tarzan was still leading, but Warrego River was content to keep it in view, and on rounding the bend Mr. Black forged ahead and went on to win fairly comfortably. Catterick Bridge, although left badly behind, did extremely well to secure second position. Colorado Star was third, another four lengths behind. If it had not suffered from a bad start Catterick Bridge would probably have won.

CLUB SHOW UP WELL

Although disappointing in the respect that owing to last-minute calls, Navy were unable to turn out their originally selected side, yesterday's match between Hong Kong Hockey Club and a naval team at King's Park revealed that Club will be stronger this year than for some seasons past.

The team showed fine balance in all departments, the introduction of D. McLellan to the right-half berth and Capt. Patterson to the left-wing adding needed strengthening.

Club won yesterday by 6 goals to nil, the scorers being S. A. Fowler (3), Capt. Patterson (2) and D. Taylor.

Next week Club will receive their first big test when they meet the Battalion team of Kumaon Rifles.

HOWARD BEATS C. G. SILVA

W. J. Howard caused a big surprise in bowls circles when he beat C. G. Silva by 21 shots to 19 in the Fourth Round of the open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday.

At the 16th head Silva was being led by 15-12, but took the lead at the next when he scored a four. Howard then scored a four to take the lead again. Howard won on the 22nd head.

At Craigengower Cricket Club, A. M. Holland, a former champion, was defeated by F. J. Jones of Civil Service by 21 shots to 13.

Hollands scored 12 shots over the first 16 heads but was only able to add a single at the remaining heads.

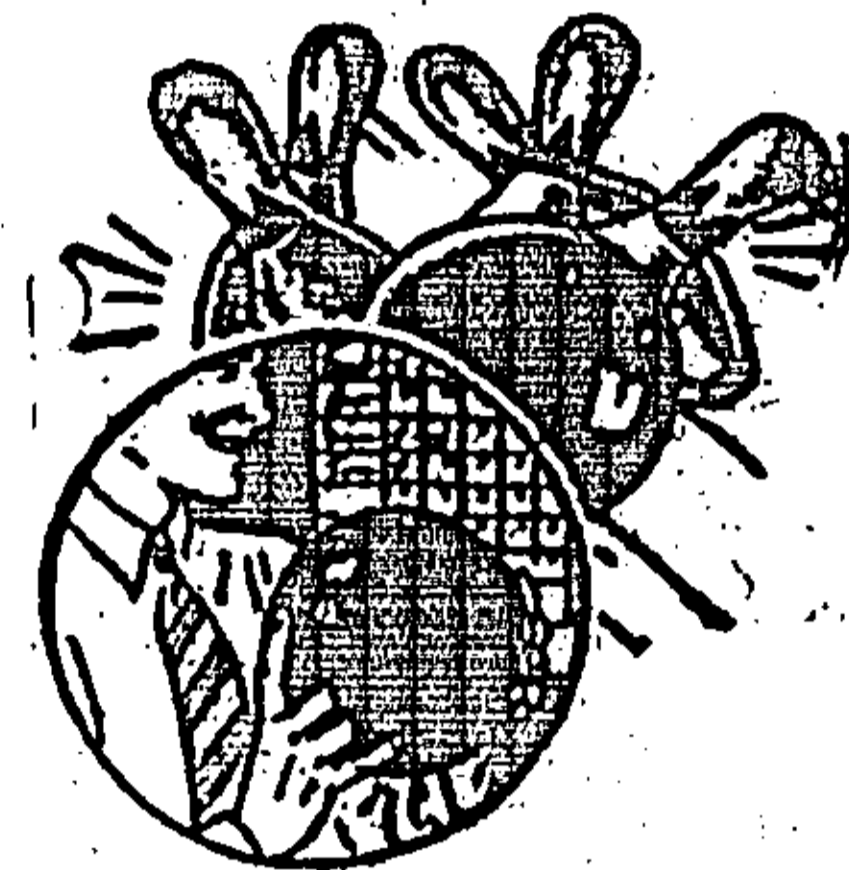
H.K.V.D.C. BOWLS ENTRIES

Unit sports representatives of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps are reminded that entries for the Inter-Unit competition for the "China Mail" Cup close at 5 p.m. this evening.

To 11 a.m. to-day, entries had reached 35. Further entries have been promised in the course of the day.

INTERNATIONAL BOWLS

Club Conveners are reminded that they must send in their entries for the International Lawn Bowls competition to the Hon. Secretary not later than 3 p.m. to-day.

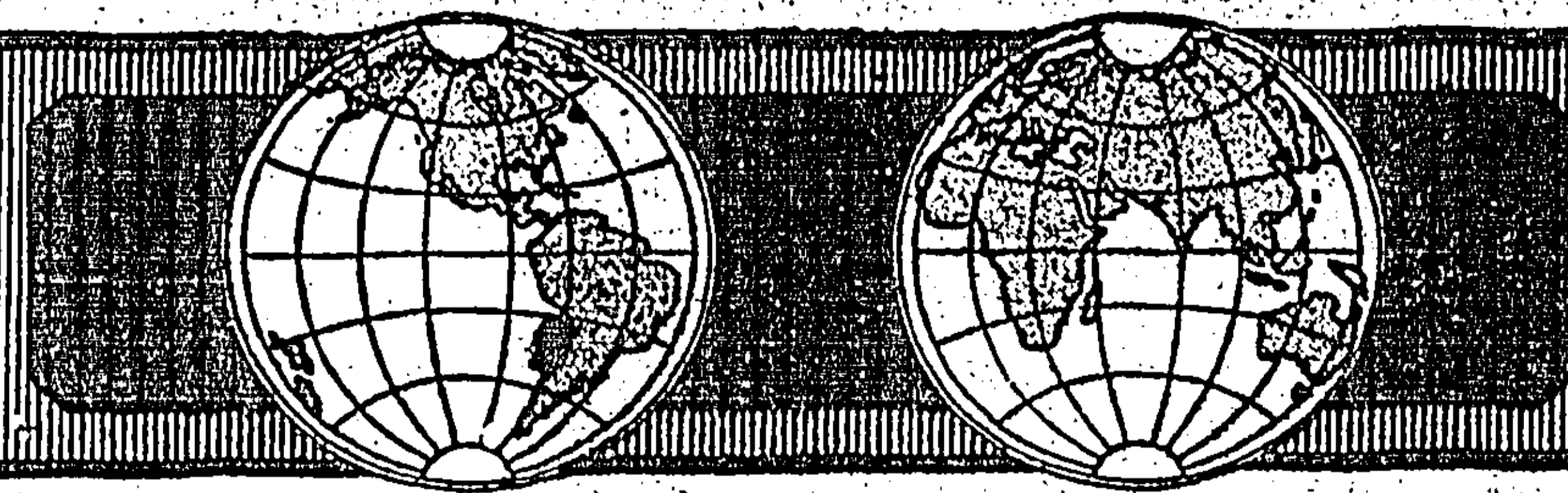


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WILL VICHY ENTER THE WAR?

Possibility of a declaration of war by Vichy under orders from Berlin was mentioned by Mr. Churchill in his war review yesterday.

He commented: "What an irony of fate it is that this fine French Fleet that Admiral Darlan shaped to fight in the common cause against German aggression, should now be the principal obstacle to the liberation of France and her Empire from the German yoke and should be employed by her German and Italian masters, whose policies contemplate not merely the defeat and mutilation of France, but her final destruction as a great nation."

Touching on the possibility of a declaration of war by the Vichy Government, imposed by Germany and Italy, he observed: "Whatever happens, it is the tide not a mere eddy of events which will dominate the French people. Nothing can prevent the increasing abhorrence with which they will regard the German conquerors or the growth of the newborn hope

BERLIN FIGURES OF CASUALTIES

An official statement issued in Berlin on Monday night's raid by the Royal Air Force on military objectives in the Berlin area, states that 25 persons were killed and 60 severely injured.—Reuter.

U.S. CONSCRIPTION

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the \$1,500,000,000 Defence Appropriation Bill which provides funds for the 1,400,000 conscripts due to be called up between now and July 1, 1941.

The appropriation raises the total cash and contractual authority voted by Congress for the current fiscal year to slightly over \$12,000,000,000.—Reuter.

that Britain will be victorious or that a British victory will carry with it the deliverance and restoration of France and her captured people.

"That is all I think it useful to say at the present time about Dakar or relations with Vichy, except this: We must be very careful not to let a failure of that kind weaken or hamper our efforts to take positive action and regain the initiative. On the contrary, we must improve and redouble our efforts.—British Wireless.

Few Raiders Penetrate Defences

A BOMB WHICH fell on a main London thoroughfare seriously damaged two omnibuses and killed and seriously injured a number of persons during yesterday's Nazi air activity over London.

This is revealed in an official communique which states that during the morning enemy aircraft which flew over London at a great height were engaged by British fighters and several were shot down.

Some bombs were dropped but in spite of the fact that traffic was at its height, casualties were not numerous. There were, however, some fatal injuries among railway passengers when a train was hit by debris.

A shelter and some industrial buildings were damaged later in the day when an attack was made by low-flying aircraft.

A few bombs were also dropped in other parts of south-east England during the morning but no serious damage or casualties are reported.

Three enemy fighters were shot down by British fighters and one of ours is missing.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command, without loss to themselves, shot down two enemy aircraft in the English Channel. Later particulars show that in the attack on London by low flying aircraft in the morning little damage and few casualties were caused but some of these were fatal.

Indiscriminate Bombing

Enemy aircraft, according to the official announcement, were unable to penetrate inland and again dropped bombs indiscriminately on coastal towns in Kent and Sussex, damaging houses and commercial buildings and killing and injuring a number of persons.

During an attack on Monday in south-west England damage was done to a number of houses and a factory. Casualties were not heavy but included a number of killed.—Reuter.

BURMA ROAD AND AXIS-TOKYO PACT

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Axis Gain

Mr. Churchill declared that the three-power pact appeared to be so unfavourable to Japan that he wondered whether there were not some secret clauses.

It was not easy to see in what way Germany and Italy could come to the aid of Japan.

The three-power pact was aimed directly at the United States and also, in a secondary degree, it was pointed against Russia.

Neither of the branches of the English-speaking race was accustomed to react to threats of violence by submission, and certainly the reception of strangely ill-balanced declarations in the United States had not been at all encouraging to those who were the authors.

We hope, however, the danger which can quite plainly be seen will be averted by the prudent patience which Japan has shown in the gravest circumstances.—Reuter and British Wireless.

NORWEGIANS DETAINED

When the American Clipper plane arrived at New York from Europe yesterday it was revealed that two Norwegian shipping representatives, Anders Wilhelm and Holter Sorenson, had been removed from the plane by the British authorities in Bermuda.—Reuter.

GOERING ACE PILOT SHOT DOWN

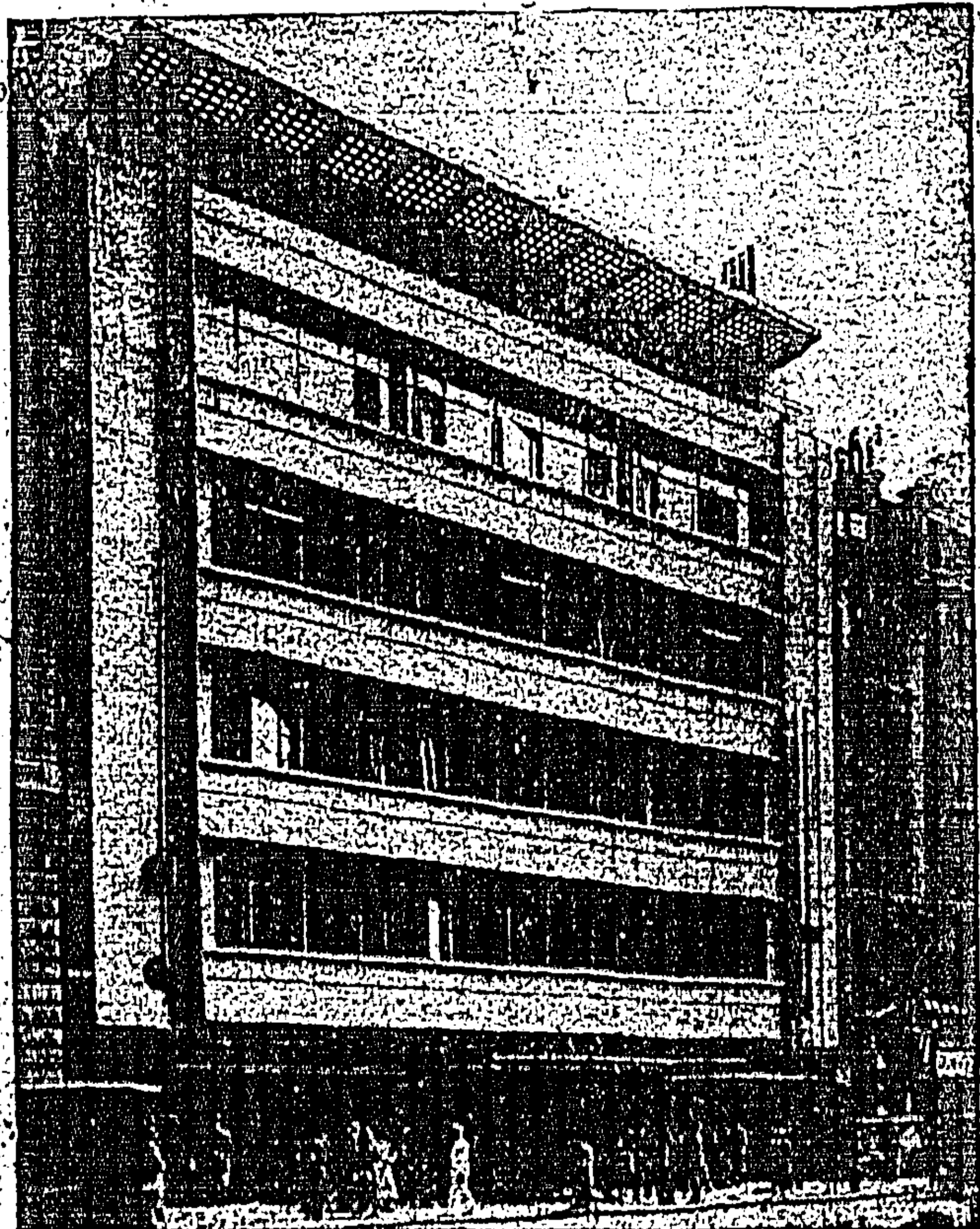
An ace pilot of Goering's "Yellow" squadron of Messerschmidts was taken prisoner after his plane had been shot down by a Spitfire into the sea between Dover and Folkestone yesterday afternoon.

The pilot, a 6-foot youngster, wore two Iron Crosses—First and Second Class—and he escaped unhurt from his wrecked plane.

Narrowly missing the spur of the cliffs, the bullet-riddled plane spun into the breakers close to shore.

The pilot leaped out of the cockpit when the plane splashed into the water and waded ashore where sentries arrested him.—Reuter.

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The servants' quarters of No. 10, Knutsford Terrace, were visited by two men armed with a dagger at 2 a.m. to-day.

The men threatened the amah and decamped with a wrist-watch, \$3 in cash, and an electric torch.

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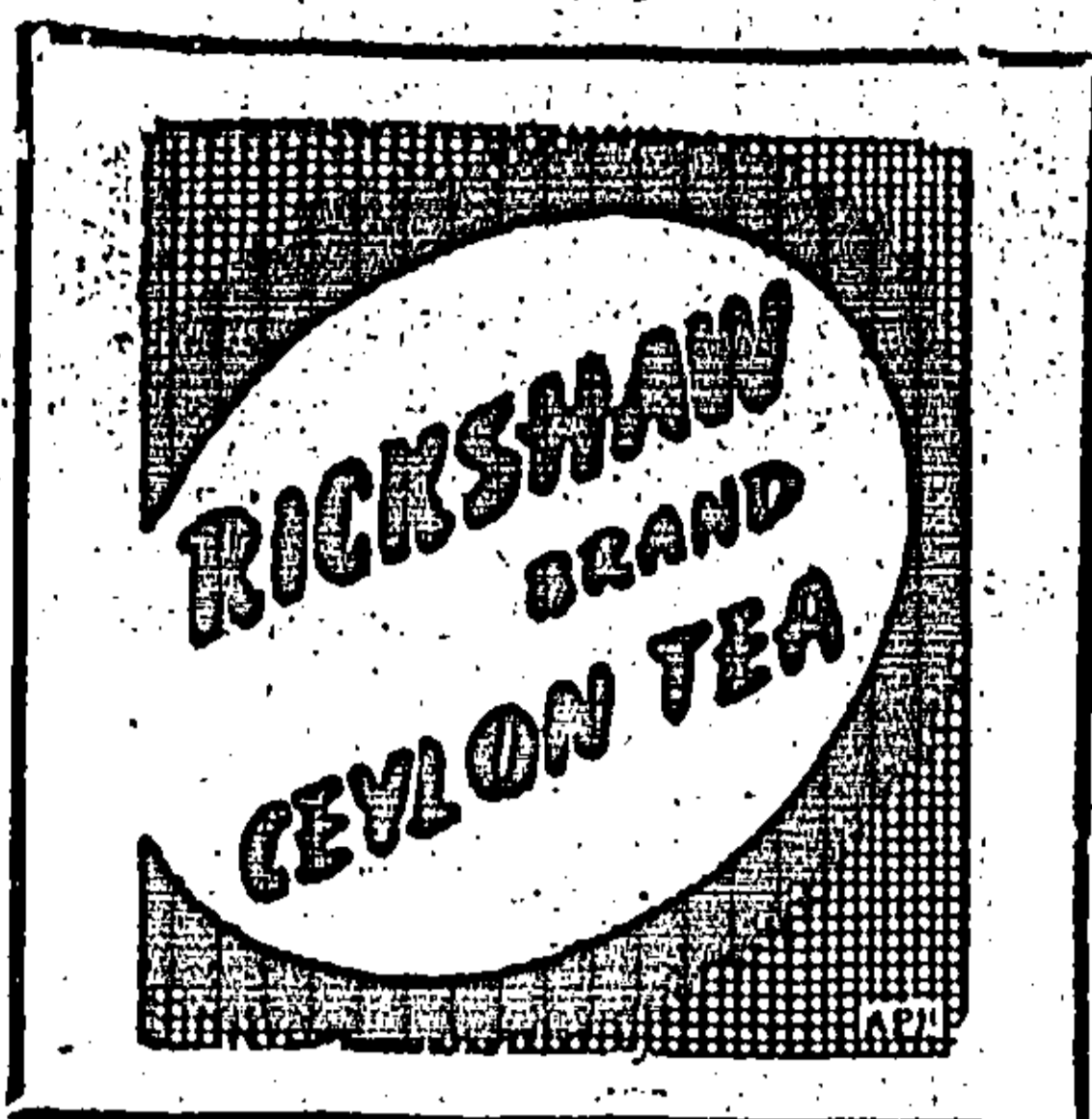
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BRACING HERSELF FOR AN ASIATIC SHOWDOWN OVER BRITAIN'S RE-OPENING OF THE BURMA ROAD, THE UNITED STATES HAS CURTAILED AMERICAN WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO THE ORIENT, ADVISED HER CITIZENS TO LEAVE ALL JAPANESE-OCCUPIED ASIA AND ANNOUNCES NAVY PERSONNEL TRANSFERS BRINGING THE FLEET TO FULL WAR STRENGTH.

These bristling preparations apparently range the American Government squarely beside Britain for any consequences the German-Italian-Japanese allies choose to visit upon either country for the re-opening of China's vital supply route on October 17.

The Axis has warned that unspecified hostile acts against any of them may put all three at war with the offending power.

situation. This advice from Washington is, according to my interpretation, mainly precautionary and is given in order that those American citizens who are able to leave Hong Kong for home at this time can do so in much greater comfort and convenience than would be possible should they await the development of an actual emergency in the Far Eastern situation.

Japanese spokesmen have declared their Government would regard the re-opening of the Burma road as a hostile act.

Highlights of the major Washington developments are:—

1. The State Department instructs consuls in Japanese-held China, Indo-China, Manchuria, Kwantung Leased Territory, Formosa, Hong Kong and Japan to advise an estimated 11,000 Americans to leave immediately unless they have urgent business.

The U.S. Marines

2. The Government considers withdrawing the U.S. Marines in Shanghai, Tientsin and Peiping, where they might be caught in a trap.

3. President Roosevelt confers at length with the Navy's three topmost strategists, Admiral Richardson, Admiral Stark and Admiral Leahy, and then tells his press conference they studied "maps—just maps."

4. The Agriculture Department suspends shipments of subsidised wheat to anywhere in the Orient except the Philippines, thereby depriving Japan of American wheat supplies at 30 cents under the world average price.

5. The British Ambassador, after an hour-long conference with President Roosevelt, stated his projected trip to England was cancelled by the Foreign Office "due to an approaching Far Eastern crisis."

U.S. Shares Responsibility

6. At his press conference, Secretary of State Cordell Hull

shoulders for the United States the full share of responsibility for the Burma road re-opening, pointing out that the United States protested against the closure on July 17 on commercial grounds.

7. The Navy calls home wives and children of personnel in Asiatic stations and announces the acquisition of the first two of the \$75,000,000 Fleet auxiliary ships which the battle fleet requires for maintaining supplies on Singapore or the Philippines.

8. The Post Office Department cancels the routing of mail to Italy and Germany via San Francisco, Yokohama and Vladivostok, thus forcing such mail back to the Atlantic under the scrutiny of British censors in Bermuda.

Admiral's Comment

Admiral Richardson yesterday announced a strengthening of the Fleet personnel, telling newsmen he was taking back to Hawaii "se-

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SOVIET'S POSITION IN CHINESE EYE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"AFTER MUNICH, SOVIET RUSSIA ENTERED ON A POLICY OF ALOOFNESS, MERCILESSNESS AND ARMED NEUTRALITY, AIMING AT HER OWN SUCCESS," MR. LIANG HAN-TSAO, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN, STATED IN A LECTURE BEFORE THE NATIONAL FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY.

"Th's attitude," he said, "accounts for the peaceful policy the Soviet is following towards Japan, and there is even a possibility that she will sign a non-aggression pact with Tokyo."

"Nevertheless Russia will continue to support China. Russia may also improve relations with Britain and the United States but will be unable to help them materially against the Axis powers."

"On the other hand, Russia, although maintaining her present good relations with the Axis, will not help Germany and Italy against London and Washington."

—Havas.

TOKYO QUARANTINE

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by the Director, Prevention Bureau, Tokyo, against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, fresh; fair.

NOTICE TO H.K. AMERICANS

American citizens in Hong Kong have or will receive the following notice from Mr. A. E. Southard, the U.S. Consul-General:—

The Department of State at Washington has indicated to me a possibility of the development of a situation in certain areas of the Far East which could, in time, affect normal and general living conditions to such an extent that there would be greater interference than now exists with the legitimate activities of American citizens whether in commercial, cultural or philanthropic activities.

I have, accordingly, been instructed by the Department of State to suggest the withdrawal from Hong Kong to the United States, in so far as may be practicable, of all American men, women and children whose continued presence here is not considered urgent or essential. I have been directed to point out to American citizens the advisability of departing from Hong Kong during the next few weeks when transportation facilities will presumably be available in a more or less normal way. There is, naturally, no guarantee that normal transportation facilities will continue indefinitely to be available.

Inadvisable To Wait

I have on this date no information which would indicate to me that there exists any immediate emergency in the local

JULY EVACUEE FINED FOR RETURNING

THE FIRST SUMMONS against a Hong Kong woman for returning to the Colony after compulsory evacuation was taken out under the Defence Regulations and heard before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The defendant was Mrs. Berthe Pears, of 221, Austin Road, and she was summoned for landing in the Colony without a permit from the authorities. A plea of guilty was entered.

Detective Sergeant J. Hill of the Special Branch, prosecuting, said that Mrs. Pears was evacuated from the Colony to Manila in July this year under the Evacuation Scheme.

In Manila, Mrs. Pears chose to stay behind, while the rest of the evacuees were sent to Australia. Some time later, Mrs. Pears applied for permission from the British Consulate in Manila for her to go to Shanghai, and permission was granted.

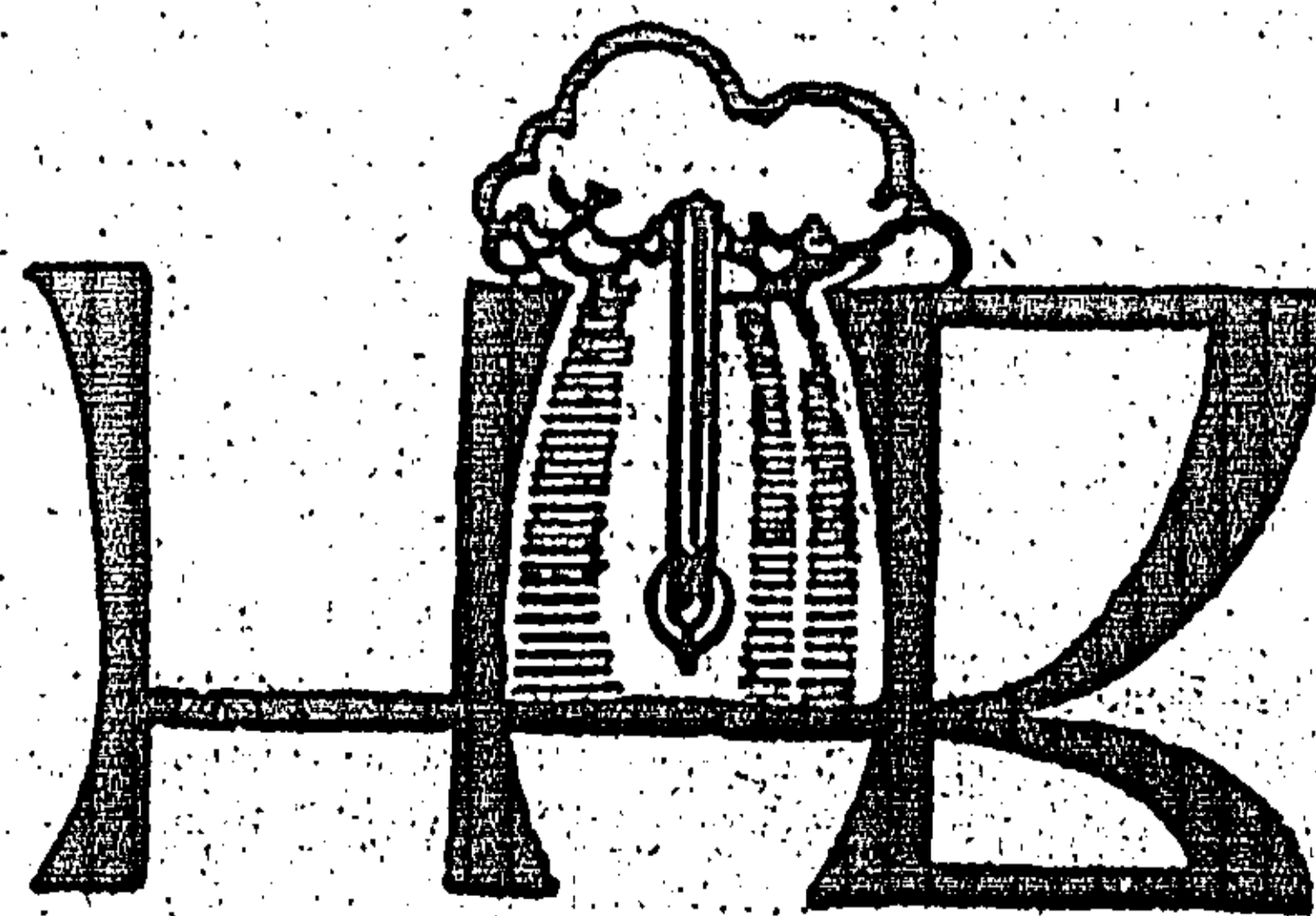
On arrival in Hong Kong on her way to Shanghai, she was specifically warned by the Passport Officer not to land in the Colony. Nevertheless, she landed and left instructions for her luggage to be delivered to her.

A few days ago, she went to the Passport Office and reported her arrival in the Colony.

Mrs. Pears told the Court that she was very sorry for what had happened.

A fine of \$100 was imposed.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

NAZI ADVANCE INTO RUMANIA

Number Of Troops Involved Screened By Censorship

BRITAIN DEMANDS EXPLANATION

Sir Reginald Hoare, the British Minister, has asked the Rumanian Government for an immediate elucidation of the situation arising from the apparent intention of Germany to garrison regular German troops at strategic points in Rumania.

Earliest date when German troops are expected to reach Rumania in any force is Thursday. They will probably arrive at the Danube port of Giurgiu.

British officials in Bucharest yesterday acknowledged that if German troops were garrisoned in Rumania their presence would probably be incompatible with the maintenance of a British mission in Bucharest. Britain's position in Rumania thus depends upon the reply given by General Antonescu, the Dictator, to Sir Reginald's representations.—Reuter.

Hungarian Breach Of Neutrality

AXIS PROPAGANDA AND THE RUMANIAN CENSORSHIP CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A COMPLETE SCREEN OVER THE NUMBER OF GERMAN TROOPS GOING TO RUMANIA, THEIR PURPOSE AND DESTINATION.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent points out that this secrecy is a characteristic feature of all important political moves of the Axis until the object has been accomplished.

Whether the troops are intended as guards to the oilfields, as suggested in Berlin, as training troops, as Bucharest despatches state, or for the purpose of fulfilling the guarantee to Rumania, as some hint, the upshot will undoubtedly be that Rumania will be under German control, military, police and political.

Gestapo agents have been conducting their characteristic activities in Rumania for some time.

The maltreatment of Britons recently arrested bears the hallmark of German methods.

Hungary Involved

One interesting question is how the troops entered Rumania. It may well be proved that Hungary has followed the precedent set by Sweden and Finland.

When unimpeded passage of German troops has been allowed, Britain has registered a formal protest. Incidentally, Rumania's action is giving these troops hospitality is an even greater breach of neutrality.

At one moment during the Polish campaign last year, it was suggested that the Germans were concentrating troops on the railways running from Poland into Rumania, but the quick advance of the Russian forces and their annexation of this portion of Poland cut off this line of communication for the Germans.

The Russians have since altered the gauge of the railway to the broad Russian standard.

Fully Equipped

A Bucharest report states that the first contingent of German troops now sailing down the Danube is complete with equipment, including tanks, anti-aircraft batteries, anti-tank guns and aviation units.

After arriving at Giurgiu, the troops will proceed to the Prahova and Buzau districts and to Targoviste, near Bucharest, where they will construct an air base.

Anti-aircraft guns will be set up in the oil zones and at the terminus of the oil pipeline at Giurgiu.

German war material has been pouring into Rumania in recent weeks in unprecedented quantities. Its value has been so high that the Rumanian trade balance with Germany has been converted from a credit to a debit quantity.—Reuter.

CAMERA ON BEACH: FINED

Mr. C. M. Wolosh, of Wolosh's Commercial Agency, French Bank Building, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for possession of a camera at the Lido Beach, Repulse Bay, on September 18.

The film in the camera had been developed, it was stated, and the snaps were all of family nature.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone covers China, Japan, and the neighbouring seas, and has increased considerably in intensity.

Pressure is highest over Manchuria, and is relatively low over the Pacific between the Philippines and the Marlands.

SEIZURE OF FRENCH SHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

According to a semi-official statement issued in Vichy, the French garrison at Djibouti is facing famine as the result of the British action in seizing the French s.s. Esperance.

It is stated that the Esperance was intercepted by a British warship when en route from Madagascar and taken to Aden where her cargo was confiscated.—Reuter.

DOUBLE TENTH WORRIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE POLICE IN BOTH FOREIGN AREAS OF SHANGHAI ARE PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY AS THE DOUBLE TENTH BRINGS WITH IT THE USUAL INCREASE IN TENSION.

Starting this evening curfew will be rigidly enforced and the police mobilised.

Barricades will be erected notably at points on the Settlement-Concession border, and traffic will be canalised in a few streets, and all pedestrians will be searched.

The precautions are of a routine character and no outbreak of terrorism is expected.—Havas.

HIMMLER GOING TO MADRID

Close secrecy is being observed in Madrid regarding the forthcoming visit to the Spanish capital of Herr Heinrich Himmler, the Nazi Gestapo chief, and General de Bono.

News of the intended Axis visit has been announced inconspicuously in the Spanish Press.

No comment is forthcoming and correspondents cabling the news abroad are not permitted to give more than the bare facts, as published by the newspapers in Madrid.

Reports of the movement of German troops into Rumania are also given very little prominence.

Spanish correspondents in Berlin speak with one voice of the close collaboration between Germany and Rumania, but there is no speculation conflicting with the semi-official German statements regarding the reasons for the entry of the German troops.

Considerable attention, on the other hand, is being paid to the possibility of British-United States collaboration in the Pacific.—Reuter.

AALAND ISLANDS DECISION

The Finnish Diet sitting at Helsinki yesterday decided to authorise the Government to conclude an agreement with the U.S.S.R. regarding the demilitarisation and non-fortification of the Aaland Islands, in accordance with a Bill tabled by the Government.—Reuter.

TROOP TRAINS CROSS IN FROM TRANSYLVANIA

ACCORDING TO REPORTS received by Reuter in London, German troops to be stationed in Rumania crossed into Rumanian territory yesterday afternoon.

Two trains carrying a total of 4,500 fully equipped soldiers crossed the frontier from Transylvanian territory.

When questioned by the authorities, the report adds, they stated that in the first instance they had come to Rumania to defend the oil region and secondly they had come as instructors to the Rumanian army.

It is understood that fortification works at Giurgiu, in the oil region, and Buzau are on the point of completion ready for the installation of the latest German A.A. batteries.

Special machinery has also arrived from Germany for enlarging and levelling existing Rumanian military aerodromes.

Official Statement!

Only shortly before the reported arrival of German troops, the British Legation in Bucharest had received a statement signed by Luca Sturdza, Rumanian Minister for Foreign Affairs, declaring "There is not a single German regular soldier on Rumanian soil to-day." The statement was confirmed by the War Ministry.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING TO CELEBRATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking is preparing for the celebration of the Double Tenth on Thursday.

The town will be beflagged, mass meetings will take place in the morning and a monster parade will be staged in the afternoon. Demonstrators will parade before Government buildings and will be received by Government leaders. In the evening propaganda film will be shown and public concert given. Wang Chung-hui (Foreign Affairs Minister) and Wang Shih-chieh (Propaganda Minister) will broadcast.—Havas.

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8,000 Killed In Month Of Air Raids

CHEERFULNESS AND CONFIDENCE WAS THE KEYNOTE OF MR. CHURCHILL'S LATEST STATEMENT ON THE WAR SITUATION, DURING WHICH HE DISCLOSED THE DECISION TO RE-OPEN THE BURMA ROAD.

A month has passed, said the Prime Minister, in opening, since Hitler turned his rage and malice on the civil population and Britain's great cities.

He had declared he would raze our cities to the ground and since then he has been trying to carry out his full purpose.

Naturally, the first question we should ask is to what extent the full strength of the German bombing force has been employed. The best opinion I have been able to form, on what is necessarily to some extent a matter of speculation, is that after severe mauling on August 15, the German short-range dive-bombers, of which there are several hundred, have been kept carefully out of the fight.

This may be because they are being held in reserve to play their part in the general plan of invasion or to reappear in other theatres of war.

We have, therefore, to deal with the long-range heavy German bombers alone. It would seem that taking day and night together, 400 of these machines have visited us every 24 hours. No doubt concentrated efforts could increase the figure for a few days at a time, but this would not sensibly affect the monthly average.

Certainly, said Mr. Churchill, there has been a considerable falling in the last ten days and during the month that has passed since heavy bombing began we have had a steady decline in casualties and in damage to property.

Speaking of the Dakar incident, Mr. Churchill said that by a series of accidents and some errors, which had been made the subject of disciplinary action or are now subject to formal enquiries, neither the First Sea Lord nor the Inner Cabinet were informed of the approach of French warships to the Straits of Gibraltar until it was too late to stop them passing through.

Raid Casualties

Mr. Churchill also said that since the mass attacks on Britain commenced, nearly 400 long-range heavy bombers have on an average visited our shores every 24 hours.

It was doubtful whether this rate of sustained attack could be greatly exceeded.

"I hesitate to say anything of an optimistic nature because our people do not mind being told the worst but they resent anything in the nature of soothing statements which are not borne out by events and, after all, war is full of unpleasant surprises. On the whole, however, we may say that in all reserve reach the provisional conclusion that the German average effort against this country absorbs a very considerable part of their potential strength. I should not like to say we have the measure of their power, but we feel more confident about it than we have ever been before."

Up to last Saturday, air raid casualties were about 8,500 killed and 13,000 wounded.

Since heavy raiding began on September 7, the figures of killed and seriously wounded had steadily declined from over 6,000 in the first week to just about 5,000 in the second, about 4,000 in the third, and 3,000 last week.

"We Can Take It"

Destruction of property, however, had been considerable though it was easy to get an exaggerated impression even in that matter.

Declaring that neither by material destruction nor by slaughter would the people of the British Empire be turned from their inexorable purpose, Mr. Churchill went on to speak of the remarkable spirit of the people who had suffered by German frightfulness.

"In all my life I have never been treated with so much kindness as by the people who have suffered most. One would have thought, exclaimed the Premier amid cheers, one had brought them some great benefit instead of the blood, tears and sweat which is all I have ever promised. On every side there is the cry: 'We can take it.'"

Mr. Churchill said that Mussolini had some experiences ahead of him which he did not foresee at the time when he thought it safe and profitable to stab the stricken and prostrate French Republic in the back.

Referring to reprisals, Mr. Churchill said that our object must be to inflict the maximum harm upon the war-making capacity of Germany, and that was the only object we shall pursue.

German Bombing

Mr. Churchill said that the Germans claimed to have discharged 22,000 tons of explosives upon Britain since the beginning of the war. They claimed that on last Thursday week, 251 tons were thrown upon London in a single night. On that particular night, 180 persons were killed.

That was to say that it took a ton of bombs to kill three-quarters of a person. Therefore the deadliness of attack in this war appeared to be only one-thirtieth of that of 1914-18.

Mr. Churchill gave Britain's shelter system as an explanation. Mr. Churchill declared that it would take ten years at the present rate for half of the houses of London to be demolished but quite a lot of things were going to happen to Hitler and the Nazi regime before even ten years were over (cheers).

Sterile Controversy

Asking his hearers not to go into a sterile controversy on the subject of what were or were not reprisals, Mr. Churchill declared that no one must look forward to any relief from bombing merely from winter weather but he added:

"It may be that some new method will be devised to make the wholesale bombing of the civilian population by night or in fog more exciting to the enemy than it is at present."

Declaring that he would not foreshadow any of these menaces, Mr. Churchill said, amid laughter and cheers: "It would be much better for us to allow our visitors to find them out for themselves in due course by practical experience."

Declaring that they must have a shelter with sleeping bunks for every person in areas liable to constant attack, in the shortest possible time, Mr. Churchill announced that large schemes were already on foot for providing food and hot drinks for those who sleep in shelters and also for entertainment through the winter evenings.

Compulsory Insurance

Widespread organisations for relief of those whose homes were smitten were already in being and were being expanded.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer had virtually completed preparation of a bill for nationwide compulsory insurance against damage to property from the enemy's fire. (Cheers). Everyone could be covered and covered with retrospective effect from the beginning of the war.

Government also proposed to provide insurance against risk of war damage for all forms of moveable property, including household effects.

"Thus," said Mr. Churchill, "we shall be able to prove to all that Hitler's act of mass terror against the British nation has failed as conspicuously as his magnetic mine and other attempts to strangle our seaborne trade."

Invasion Danger

Referring to the promised invasion the Prime Minister declared: "Do not let us be lured into supposing that the danger is past."

"On the contrary, unwearied vigilance and the swift and steady strengthening of our forces by land, sea and air which is in progress must at all costs be maintained."

"The enemy has certainly got plans to throw half a million men in a single night on to the salt waters—or into it." (Laughter).

Mr. Churchill declared that the main reason why an invasion had not been attempted up to the present was the succession of brilliant victories gained by British fighter aircraft.

The three great days of August 15, September 15 and September 27 had proved to all the world that over our own island we had mastery of the air.

Tremendous Fact

This was a tremendous fact. These victories of the Air Force enabled the Navy, which was now receiving very great reinforcements, apart altogether from the American destroyers now coming rapidly into service, to assert its sure and well tried power.

In the air, both in fighters and bombers, we were at this moment, after all these months of battle, substantially stronger, actually and relatively, than we were in May.

The pilot situation was rapidly improving.

No one, Mr. Churchill went on, had ever pretended that we could overtake Germany's immense lead in the first year or so of war.

"We have a long lapse to make up. We must give ourselves a chance. Perhaps it will be possible to make a more satisfactory statement on this subject at this time next year."

No Prophecies

Referring to the reinforcement of the British armies in the Middle East and elsewhere, Mr. Churchill said that he would make no prophecies about what would happen when the British, Australian, New Zealand, Indian and Egyptian troops came to close grips with the invader who

was now making his way across the desert towards them.

"All I will say is that we are doing our best and there, as here, we feel a good deal better than we did some time ago."

Referring to the Dakar episode, Mr. Churchill said this operation was primarily French and though they were ready to give it a measure of support which might, in certain circumstances, have been decisive they were no more anxious than General de Gaulle to get involved in a long and sanguinary conflict with the Vichy French.

"That General de Gaulle was right in believing the majority in Dakar were favourable to Free Frenchmen I have no doubt. Indeed I think his judgment has been found extremely sure-footed and our opinion of him has been enhanced by everything we have seen of his conduct in circumstances peculiarly and perplexingly difficult."

Larger Cause

After paying this tribute to the judgment of General de Gaulle, Mr. Churchill said Government had no intention whatever of abandoning General de Gaulle's cause until it was merged, as merged it would be, in the larger cause of France.

The whole situation at Dakar was transformed in a most unfavourable manner by the arrival there of three French cruisers and three destroyers which carried with them a number of Vichy partisans evidently of a most bitter type.

These partisans were sent to overawe the population and to guard the defences.

Efforts Failed

The policy which His Majesty's Government had been pursuing towards the Vichy French warships was not to interfere with them unless they appeared to be proceeding to an enemy-controlled port. By a series of accidents

and some errors which had been made the subject of disciplinary action neither the First Sea Lord nor the Inner Cabinet were informed of the approach of these ships to the Straits of Gibraltar until it was too late to stop them.

Orders were given to stop them at Casablanca. These efforts failed but the Vichy cruisers were prevented from carrying out their further purposes of attacking Dakar.

Of the four French vessels concerned, two succeeded in regaining Dakar while the other two were overtaken by British cruisers and were induced and persuaded to return to Casablanca without any actual violence.

The fight which ensued between British ships and shore batteries at Dakar, reinforced with the 16-inch guns of the damaged Richelieu, was pretty stiff.

Two Vichy submarines which attacked the fleet were sunk. The crew of one were happily saved.

Two French destroyers were set on fire, one of the cruisers badly hit and the Richelieu herself suffered further damage.

On our part, a battleship and a large cruiser suffered damage which, though it had not prevented them steaming and fighting, would require considerable attention when convenient.

Spain's Needs

Mr. Churchill concluded with a reference to Spain.

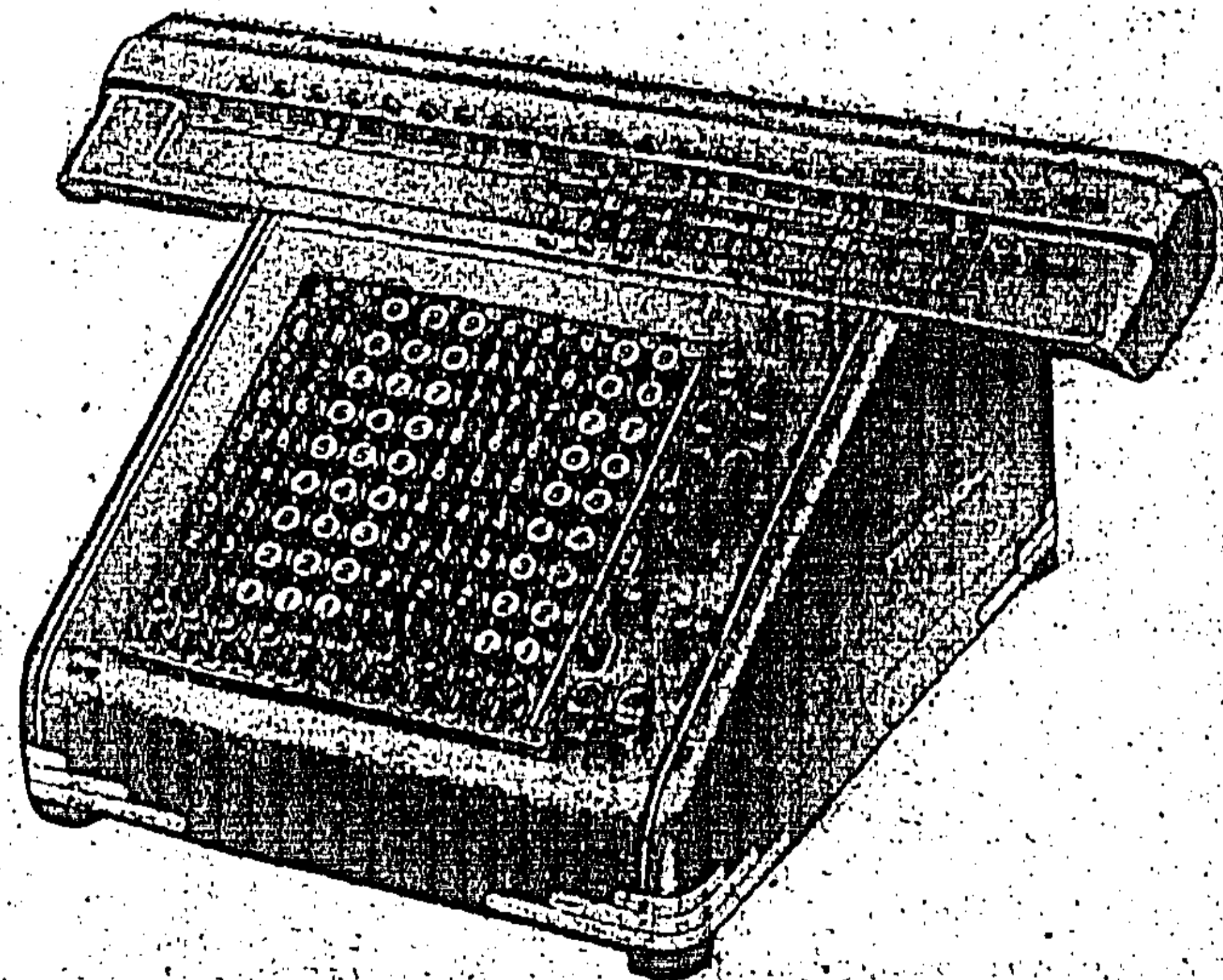
There was, he said, no country in Europe which had more need of peace, of food and trade than Spain.

All Britain sought was that Spain should not become a channel of supply to our mortal foe.

Britain looked forward to see Spain take her rightful place as a Mediterranean power and a leading and famous member of the family of Europe and Christendom. — Reuter.

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COWARDLY EVASIONS BY THE RUMANIANS

SOME OF THE circumstances attending the new development in Rumania are a matter of direct concern to Great Britain, declared the London "Times" in an editorial yesterday on the entry of German troops into that country.

During the past fortnight several leading British businessmen have been arrested and no regular judicial proceedings instituted against them; the protests of the British Minister have been met by the Rumanian Foreign Minister with cowardly evasions.

Unhappily the evidence available shows that some or all were subjected to physical violence in order to extort confessions of sabotage in the oil fields.

The alleged revelations obtained by this process is one of the pretexts of the Nazi action. It need hardly be said that the charges are a hollow sham.

Throughout the earlier part of the war, Rumania was bound by ties of alliance with France and Britain. Nazi tactics of sudden and provoked attacks on neutral countries had become familiar and it would have been criminal negligence on the part of the Rumanian Government not to have made plans to prevent such an attack for the destruction of oil wells and other objects of military value.

Revolting Hypocrisy

In drawing up such plans the British and French managers of the oil fields and engineers might well have been consulted.

Whether any of them are now under arrest for taking part in such consultations is impossible to say but the Rumanian authorities are guilty of the most revolting hypocrisy when they make such projects the pretext for the brutal maltreatment of British subjects.

The methods adopted are, unfortunately, too like those employed recently against British subjects in Japan to leave any question as to the ultimate source of their inspiration.

But it would be a grave mistake for those who perpetrate and condone such outrages at the instigation of Berlin to suppose they are doing themselves or their country any good.

Day Of Reckoning

These things will be remembered on the day of reckoning. The latest movement doesn't seem likely to produce any marked effect on the situation in south-east Europe or counteract or influence the almost undisputed control exercised by the British Fleet and once more illustrated by the recent operations in the eastern Mediterranean.—Reuter.

CAR PARK STRUGGLE

MR. J. BROWN, OF THE EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A., AND MR. A. EL ARCULLI, JR., OF SHATIN, WERE CONGRATULATED BY MR. E. HIMSWORTH AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING FOR ARRESTING CHAU TAK-KAM, 28, WHO WAS SENTENCED TO FIVE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR FOR LOITERING AND FOR RETURNING TO THE COLONY AFTER HAVING BEEN BANISHED FOR LIFE.

At 7.20 p.m. yesterday, Mr. Brown saw two Chinese go up to his car which was parked opposite the Y.M.C.A.

Keeping watch for over half an hour, Mr. Brown saw accused open the car door. He rushed out and arrested accused.

Accused struggled with Mr. Brown and both fell to the ground. Mr. Arculli, passing by, assisted Mr. Brown to take accused into custody.

VICHY STILL GETTING AT JEWS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The status of Algerian Jews which was fixed as long ago as 1870, is now abrogated.

Previously Algerian Jews were French citizens whereas Arabs were only French subjects not enjoying electoral franchise.

One reason why Algerian Jews enjoyed preferential treatment was the fact that they formed the majority of the famous Zouave regiments which fought gallantly in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870.—Havas.

CONTROL UPSETS DAIREN DEALERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Dairen import and export firms and produce dealers have had their interests strongly affected by new regulations which came into effect on October 1 controlling the production, import and export of all farm products in Kwantung Leased Territory.—Havas.

TURKISH TALKS WITH SOVIET

Haydar Atkay, the Turkish Ambassador to the U.S.S.R. left Istanbul for Moscow yesterday to resume his post.

Mr. Atkay returned to Ankara at the beginning of September to report to the Turkish Government.

Meantime, the German Ambassador, von Papan, has returned to Ankara after three weeks' vacation in Istanbul.—Reuter.

HUNDRED BOMBS ON BERLIN

An Air Ministry communique dealing with the Berlin raid, says: "Last night, strong forces of bombers made successful attacks on military objectives in Berlin."

Over a hundred heavy bombs were dropped on the three main power stations. A large fire was caused at the Tempelhof goods yard. Several industrial plants were attacked among other key points.—British Wireless.

PURCHASE TAX

The Purchase Tax comes into effect in Britain on Monday week.—Reuter.

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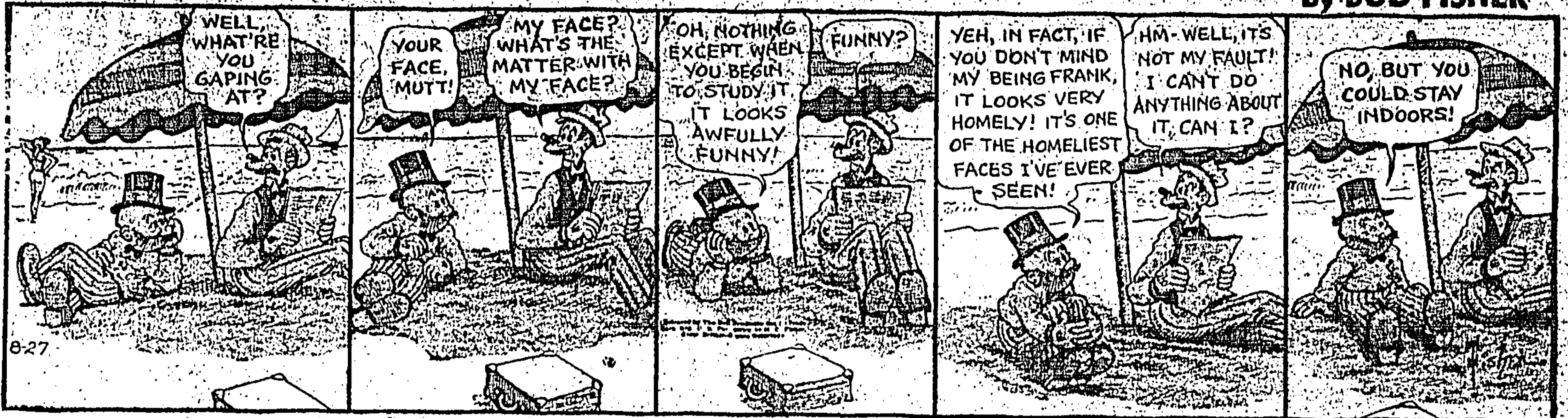
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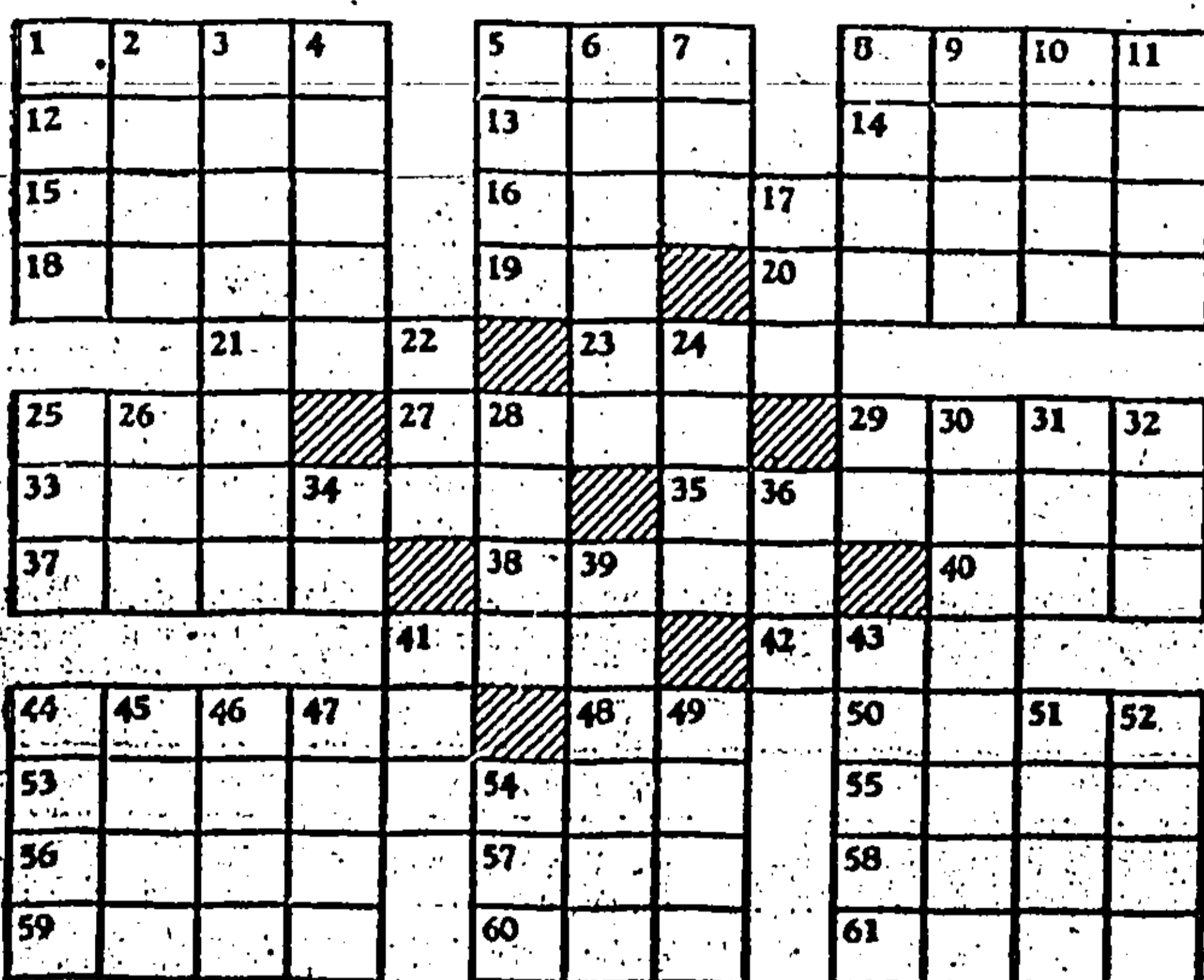
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- 5 Flying mammal
- 8 Gamla
- 12 Nobleman
- 13 Peruvian tuber
- 14 Network of threads
- 15 Island of Napoleon's exile
- 16 Compressed
- 18 Piece of ground
- 19 Chinese measure
- 20 Prophecy
- 21 Prefix, not
- 23 Pronoun
- 25 Moslem name
- 27 Small particle
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- 33 To narrate again
- 35 Stories
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- 39 French novelist
- 40 To drink
- 41 Swiss river

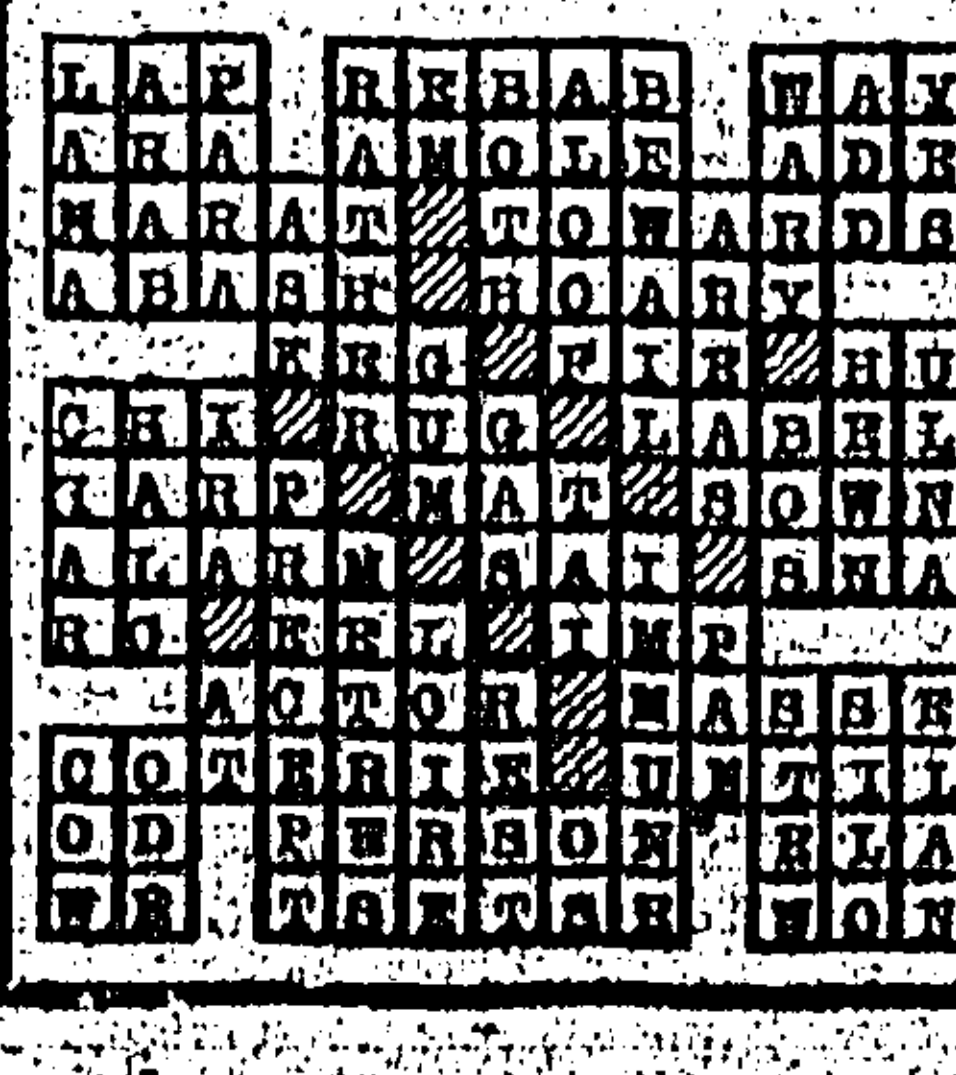
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- 2 High
- 3 Courtesy
- 4 Ancient philosopher
- 5 Trough for cooling
- 6 To exonerate
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 To the sheltered side
- 9 To demolish

VERTICAL

- 10 Maple genus
- 11 Cots
- 17 Worm
- 22 Nothing
- 24 Former president
- 25 Limb
- 26 Meadow
- 28 Spanish cooling-vessel
- 29 Indo-Chinese language
- 30 The condition of having more than one wife or husband at once
- 31 War god
- 32 Viper
- 34 Babylonian deity
- 36 Theilly
- 39 Wise saying
- 41 Deed
- 43 Galloped
- 44 Part of a church
- 45 Journey
- 46 Tropical plant
- 47 Cools
- 49 Tidy
- 50 Hoarfrost
- 52 Periods of time
- 54 Electrified particle

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



MULLAH ORDERS AID FOR BRITAIN

The recent bombing of Haifa and Aden and other Moslem centres clearly shows that Italy and Germany cannot tolerate the existence of Moslems in this world, says the Mullah Saheb of Bhutan, the well-known spiritual leader of the Afridis, in a statement issued at Peshawar.

The statement was made in a fatwa (religious judgment) which has been widely proclaimed in the tribal area of the North-West Frontier.

The Mullah refers to Italy's anti-Moslem policy and relates instances of Italian enmity towards Turkey, Albania and other Moslem countries. He orders his followers to help the British Government and thereby ensure the safety of their religion.—Reuter.

AMERICANS DEMAND REDRESS

THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN TIENTSIN, CABLED FOR THE INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT A SIMILAR TELEGRAM TO THAT OF LOCAL AMERICAN FUR EXPORTERS, EXPRESSED IN VERY FIRM TERMS, AND SEEKING THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE LONG ESTABLISHED BUSINESS IN CHINA.

The present position affects the tanning and dyeing industries and the manufacture of wholesale and retail American trades.

The message deals with the procedure concerning waterfront arrivals and the limitation on travellers' funds and also refers to freight rates.—Reuter.

CLASSIC RACES CANCELLED

The Newmarket meeting on October 16 and 17, including the Cambridgeshire and the substitute St. Leger Stakes, has been cancelled, it was stated in London yesterday.—Reuter.

DOUBLE TENTH PRECAUTION

Precautionary measures have been adopted by the police against possible disturbances in connection with the celebration of the "Double Tenth" to-morrow.



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THAILAND SEEKING FOR AN INCIDENT IN INDO-CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FRANCO-THAILAND relations, which have been strained of late as a sequel to recent Siamese-Indo-Chinese incidents, including the frequent flying over of Indo-Chinese territory by Siamese 'planes, assumed another grave turn with the death of a Laothan peasant named Nai Chan-tai, who Bangkok claims to be a Siamese subject.

Reliable information reaching Vichy, said an inspired statement yesterday, from Vientiane, in Laos province, stated the man was killed by a gendarme while attempting to swim the Me Kong River.

The Thai Government, wishing to give the incident an international aspect, sent a circular to all Siamese Legations abroad, although the inquest established that the dead man was a Laothan.

Impression in Vichy is that the affair is just another of the series of incidents which have occurred lately and which have been exaggerated by Bangkok.

French circles recall that France and Thailand signed a non-aggression pact early last June which was not ratified at once.

Simultaneously the French Minister in Bangkok and the Thai Premier exchanged letters on the settlement of various border difficulties.

Frequent Dispute

Until 1907 the territory between Siam and Indo-China was not clearly delimited especially along the Me Kong River. Thus Siam retained some rights on the left bank of the river while France controlled the right bank. The ownership of the innumerable small islands in the middle of the river was also frequently contested.

The exchange of letters between the French Minister and the Thai Premier on June 12, 1940, aimed to settle these difficulties.

Last June, the Thai Government solemnly stated that as soon as the Me Kong border question was settled, Bangkok would not present any further territorial claim.

Nevertheless, apparently taking advantage of the Japanese-Indo-Chinese negotiations, the Thai Government intimated that the Franco-Siamese accord of June 12 would be ratified only after the formation of a border delimitation commission.

Demands Rejected

Late in September Thailand presented another territorial claim demanding French cession of Laos and Cambodia to Thailand in case of the transfer of Indo-China sovereignty to another power.

Thailand also demanded some points on the right bank of the Me Kong now under French sovereignty, one region around Take and another north of Laos. The French Government rejected these demands. — Havas.

ALERT CONSTABLE

Mr. Hassamal, of No. 13, Carnarvon Road, ground floor, appeared as complainant before Mr. S. Hilmsworth at Kowloon this morning, when Li Kong, 25, was charged with stealing two cooking pans.

Accused was seen carrying the pans by a Chinese constable early yesterday morning and was detained. He admitted he stole them.

He was bound over and ordered to be expelled.

FACTORY OWNERS FINED

THE HEALTH AUTHORITIES REFUSE TO REGISTER THEIR FACTORIES BECAUSE THEY ARE SITUATED IN THE MOST UNSANITARY AREA IN KOWLOON CITY, STATED MR. D. W. PHILLIPS, INSPECTOR OF FACTORIES AND WORKS, TO MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING. WHEN THE MANAGERS OF THE HOP HING SILVER-WARE WORKS AND THE MAN FUNG WEAVING FACTORY, WERE SUMMONED FOR OPERATING UNREGISTERED FACTORIES.

The Inspector said that both factories applied for registration last April, but were refused on the ground that they were situated in an area unsuitable for the workers' health. They were both warned to quit the premises several times but ignored the warnings.

The silver-ware works had previously been prosecuted twice for failing to remove, while the weaving factory had been prosecuted three times for a similar offence.

Fines of \$100 and \$150, were imposed on defendants and they were also ordered to leave the premises.

COMMITTEE TO SPEED SALVAGE

Whitehall is to take its share in the new Salvage Campaign.

An Inter-Departmental Committee has been set up to secure greater liaison between the salvage activities of the Ministry of Supply, which is responsible for the campaign, and other services and departments.

Mr. R. C. Morrison, Labour and Cooperative M.P. for Tottenham, is to be chairman of the committee, on which will be represented the Admiralty, War Office, and other Ministries.

Mr. Herbert Morrison has suggested that the Committee should exchange information on salvage work and methods of departments concerned, recommend new action when desirable, and circulate data.

Tottenham Borough Council, which has a modern and efficient salvage service, is putting in a new plant for processing pig food which will treble its capacity.

S.O.S. FOR GLASS

Glaziers are having a busy time on the south-east coast. They are working from dawn to dusk replacing windows shattered during air raids—windows in shops, houses and hotels.

Nearly all the broken windows are those which had not been treated with anti-blast material or strips of adhesive tape. Even those that have been treated are often cracked so badly that they are in danger of falling in, and have to be replaced.

But there are no flying splinters from them, and local A.R.P. officers are urging a greater use of counter-blast material.

Whenever our guns go into action against enemy planes or bombs are dropped, the glaziers stand by waiting for the hundreds of urgent calls which come directly to the batteries cease fire.

One glazier told the press that after a fierce strafing of enemy planes the other day, his men put 164 panes of glass in house windows.

One housewife said that all the windows in her house had been shattered and replaced three times.

WOMAN TAKES PITY ON SNATCHER

LI FOOK, 31, WAS charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry, this morning, with stealing NC\$1,280 and H.K.\$12 from a Chinese woman, Tang Yuet-wah, in Queen's Road Central, near Lee Yuen Street East, yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Byron said the woman was leaving a money-changer's shop in Queen's Road Central with the money, wrapped in paper, in her hand. Defendant snatched the paper but was chased and caught by a Chinese constable.

Defendant said that he had to raise some money, because he had an aged mother to support.

Complainant indicated that she would like to reward the constable who arrested defendant, and to give some money to defendant's mother. She is very grateful to the constable.

Mr. Lowry told her it was the duty of the constable to make the arrest.

Defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The Police are to help the woman to find defendant's mother.

SOCIAL WELFARE DONATIONS

The Hong Kong Refugee & Social Welfare Council gratefully acknowledges the following gifts to the 1941 Appeal Fund:—

Anonymous \$10; Miss S. Sutton \$15; Mr. Leung Eu Tin \$250; A Friend \$50; and Mr C. Mycock \$50.

LOST: A SPANIEL

Mr. F. E. d'Almada Renedios, of No. 6, Peace Avenue, has lost a white spaniel bitch, which strayed from his residence yesterday.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

THE AIR CAMPAIGN

Britain can, at the moment, only strike directly at Germany's military strength through the air, but the world is expectant—waiting for the time when land action will be feasible. Several hints have come lately that the British authorities are beginning to visualise the possibilities of invasion—when the British air arm has gained absolute supremacy of the air. In the meantime the continuous bombing by the Royal Air Force is a remarkable accompaniment to the superb resistance which British airmen are making in Britain.

The story of the war in the air is commonly told in terms of courage and endurance. As Mr. Churchill remarked: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." But the battering of Germany and those territories under her sway is based on something more than skill and daring. If one studies the daily reports, it is seen that the centres bombed form part of a concerted bombing programme.

It has been impossible for the men in the street to keep more than a very inaccurate list of the military targets bombed, so that the statement just issued by the Air Ministry that 200 targets have been receiving particular attention is of added interest. The appointment of the new Chief of the Air Staff, Sir Charles Portal, described as the "relentless chief of the Bomber Command" is equally welcome in that the "master plan" evolved for air operations is reported to be largely due to his initiative and daring.

German bombing methods up to this time have not been anything more than a witless dropping of bombs when and how the pilots can release them. The results, while being tragic in so far as the loss of civilian life and property are concerned, have done remarkably little damage to Britain's vital points, and as the Board of Trade recently pointed out, have utterly failed to prevent a continuous flow of exports abroad.

The careful scrutiny of Germany's industrial bases is the work of men who have devoted long months to mapping and charting every item of Germany's economic life.

Five separate periods are distinguishable in the first year of the air war; the first being the period of waiting which immediately succeeded the declaration of war, the second the Norway campaign, the third the events which began with the invasion of Holland and Belgium and culminated in the battle of France, the fourth the Dunkirk evacuation and the fifth the battle of Britain, which may be said to have begun June 18, when the first large-scale air raids on England were launched.

Air action in each of these periods was distinct. In the first it was mainly confined to coastal and overland reconnaissance, leaflet dropping, and, by the Germans, sporadic attacks on ships. Only twice during this period were there forerunners of the bombing actions that were to come, first, on the day after the declaration of war when the Royal Air Force made what has been known ever since (though somewhat inaccurately) as the "Kiel raid," and, second, when, following a German raid on Scapa Flow in which for the first time bombs were aimed at land targets, the Sylt raid was undertaken by the Royal Air Force. A second big raid on Sylt was made on March 19.

In France, during the early or waiting stage, the reconnaissance work was done by individual machines; German aeroplanes, frequently of the Dornier 17 type, came over the French lines flying at a great height and took photographs. British and French machines went over Germany, also taking photographs. But the activity which attracted most attention was the extensive leaflet dropping that was done by the Royal Air Force. The leaflets were scattered over northern and western Germany, and on the first raid six million were dropped.

There were indications early in the war of that supremacy in combat which was later to be reaffirmed with such vigour by the Royal Air Force. Whenever the Royal Air Force met the enemy it gained the ascendancy. And all the time this limited air activity continued the Royal Air Force was preparing itself for much sterner work to come. Probably the manner of that preparation was not at the time clear to the enemy. It consisted not only in increasing the strength of the Air Force, but also in active service training. The reconnaissance and leaflet-dropping flights helped to train our pilots and enabled them to amass knowledge of the disposition of the German defences.

All this time aircraft of the Coastal Command were maintain-

ing a watch over the seas and helping to convoy British and Allied shipping and to destroy enemy submarines.

They follow day by day every change in the ways and means of the enemy's output and distribution. These men whom Sir Charles Portal must have utilised to the very utmost, carry on their valuable work behind the lines unknown to the world at large, but on their knowledge and foresight depend the accuracy of the plans formulated by the Chief of the Air Staff. That these men are doing their work well is evidenced by the successes of the R.A.F. pilots and of their new leader and chief.

That Germany is feeling the heavy blows acutely is now clear to all. Herr Hitler is seeking other ways of attack having failed ignominiously in his vaunted capture of Britain. But the R.A.F. raids, inexorable in their calm persistence and force, are systematically lowering his striking power and preparing the way for the final attack which he will meet on land.

Air Force Win Wherever They Go

almost incessantly, mainly by Wellington aircraft.

Allied operations in Norway, however, were hampered by the absence of an air base there. An heroic attempt to establish one was made by a squadron of Gladiator fighters, but it failed. The Royal Air Force succeeded, however, in shooting down many German aeroplanes and in maintaining a heavy bombardment of the German occupied aerodromes in Norway and Denmark so that every step taken by the enemy cost heavily in men and machines.

On May 10, the third period of the air war began with the invasion by Germany of Belgium and Holland. The Royal Air Force now had to be extended in aid of the Allied armies in the field and consequently much of its specialised air work had to be held in abeyance. Its bombing forces went into action. It was engaged on such tasks as destroying bridges and harassing German communications, attacking German supply columns, troops and tanks.

As the German armies advanced over France so the work of the Royal Air Force, both bombing and fighting, was intensified until it came to a head at the Dunkirk evacuation. In a relatively small part of France, and centred on Dunkirk, most of the British Expeditionary Force with French and Belgian troops, were cut off from the rest of the French Army. The object of the Germans was to destroy these troops. Their aim was foiled, by the Royal Air Force, which put up so fierce a defence that not only did the Germans fail in their main object of destruction, but they also lost heavily.

June 1, the German air arm suffered its most serious reverse up to that time; 78 German aircraft were shot down or damaged over or near the Dunkirk beaches for the loss of sixteen British fighters. This was really the beginning of the establishment of Royal Air Force ascendancy. All the time during the battle of France British output of aircraft had been accelerating. Trained crews were coming out in greater and greater numbers; squadrons were reaching Britain from the Dominions. So at Dunkirk there were signs that the tide was beginning to turn in favour of the Royal Air Force.

By

Major Oliver Stewart

The interest now turns to Norway. On April 9, the invasion of Denmark and Norway was announced. Immediately there was an intensification of aerial activity. Enemy cruisers in the Norwegian fjords were bombed and afterwards various aerodromes occupied by the enemy were repeatedly attacked. Stavanger was bombed

patrol over the Frisian Islands. This had become necessary in order to check the activities of enemy mine-laying aeroplanes. All night British bombers circled over the German bases and prevented flare paths from being used.

The great and growing strength of the Royal Air Force was beginning to tell. Not only was the numerical disparity in favour of the enemy being removed by British manufacturing output aided by the United States and the Dominions, but enemy losses were beginning to eat into the resources of the Luftwaffe (German Air Force). The concluding stages of the first year of the air war, in fact, showed that the Royal Air Force was on its way to mastery of the air.

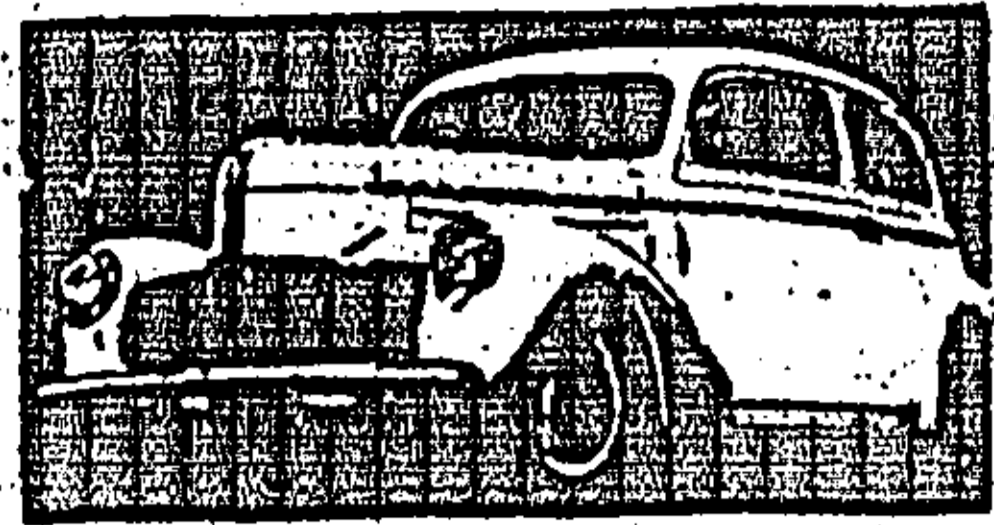


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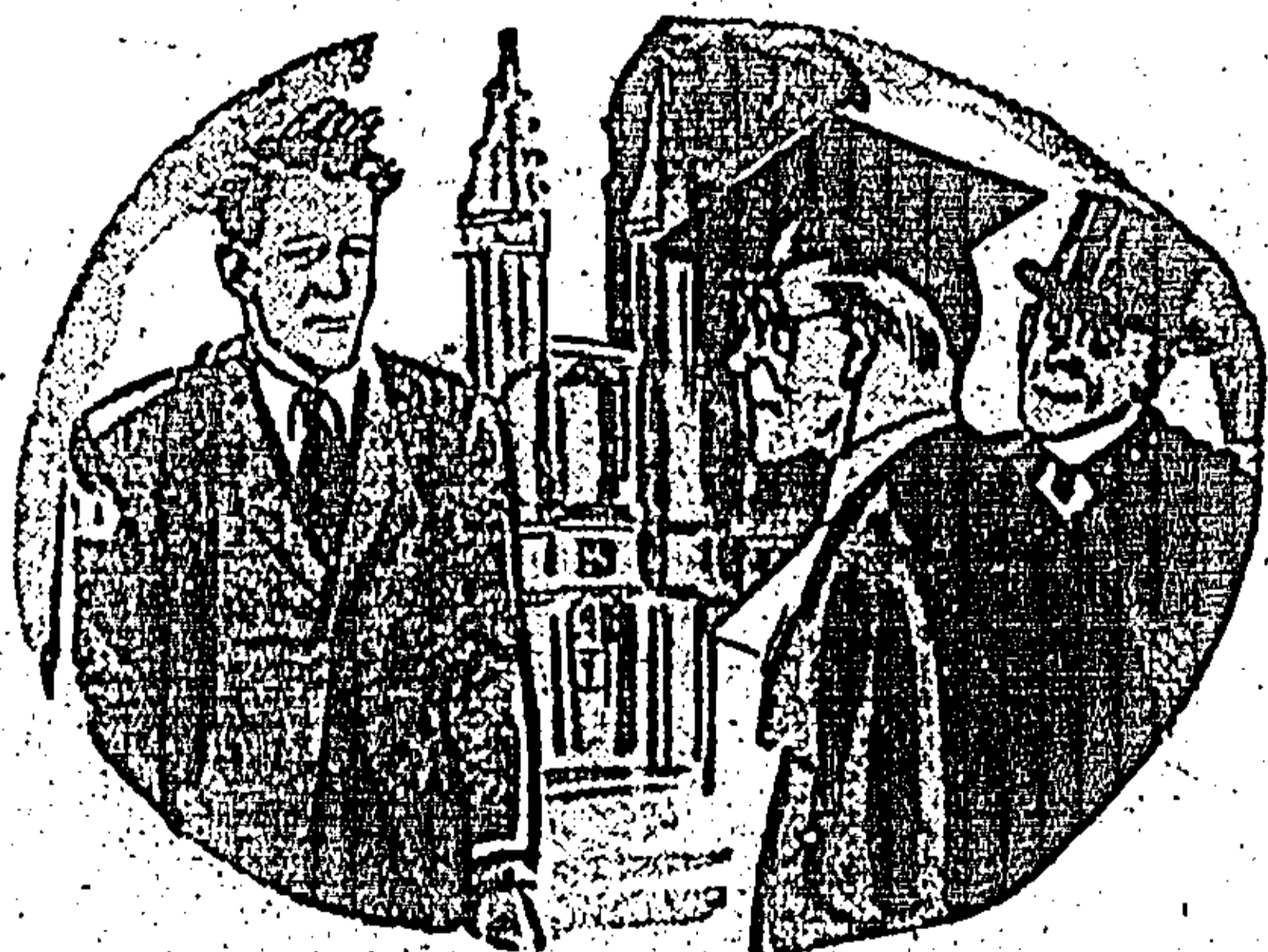


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"But no element of originality."
"No, Sir."
"It will be necessary to send workmen up in the morning to remove the object—not without some danger to life and limb."
"Yes, Sir."
"From your appearance and your manner Mr. Digby, I assume that you are celebrating some event of great

importance—some outstanding academic achievement no doubt."
"Yes, Sir."
"H'm—my advice, Sir, is that you retire to bed immediately, having first taken a long draught of Rose's Lime Juice. Its therapeutic effects may help you to face the wrath to come in the morning."
"Thank you, Sir."
"And by the way—I notice you chose the long way up. Actually there is a shorter way. I remember in '88 or was it '89—H'm, H'm, Good night."
"Good night, Sir."

HINT ON S'PORE FROM ROME

Japan is planning to attack Singapore if Britain obstructs Japan's policy in the Orient or if the United States enters the war, said Premier Mussolini's newspaper, "Il Popolo d'Italia."

The paper's commentator called Singapore the "pivot of British positions in East Asia" and declared that "Japan is seeking a place for itself in the best possible position strategically against Singapore, anticipating being forced by English hostility or intervention of new allies of England, to attack and overthrow the pillar of Singapore."

Il Duce's organ also published an implied Japanese threat against the Philippines, asserting that any United States aerial or naval action against Japan "would be equivalent to harakiri for the American fleet." It added "the United States has the disadvantage of offering an immediate prey to an adversary—the Philippine Islands."

Il Duce's other organ, "Il Popolo di Roma," criticised the people of the United States as "the most ignorant of the white race." It hinted strongly that Italy and Germany were counting upon Spain to offset Anglo-American influence in Latin America. Just now Spain might play this part and the precise role she will have in the Rome-Berlin Axis were not made plain.

The newspaper attacked the United States, England and France as the great enemies of Spain and its history.

Earlier in the day the official Italian news agency Stefani said Italians have "no reason to suppose that a spirit of aggression" exists in United States policy which would cause her to go to war. — Associated Press.

DECOUX GETS AN UMBRELLA

THE CHINA BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGN AND THE CHINESE PEOPLES' FOREIGN RELATIONS ASSOCIATION HAVE MAILED TO ADMIRAL JEAN DECOUX, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF FRENCH INDO-CHINA, AN UMBRELLA WITH WHICH TO PROTECT HIMSELF FROM GATHERING CLOUDS.

Attached to the parcel post package containing the umbrella was this statement:

"Celebrating the appeasement policy pursued jointly by the French Indo-China government and the Vichy government, under which Japan was granted use of Indo-Chinese military and naval bases and air fields, Japanese aircraft Monday heavily bombed Kuning, China, for the first time since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war."

"Commemorating the civilian casualties sustained as a result of the facilities accorded our enemy by your good self, we have the unique distinction to present to you on this eventful occasion an umbrella which we believe will be of immense service to you when threatening clouds are gathering from all corners of the globe." — Associated Press.

U.S. CONSCRIPTION

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the \$1,500,000,000 Defence Appropriation Bill which provides funds for the 1,400,000 conscripts due to be called up between now and July 1, 1941.

The appropriation raises the total cash and contractual authority voted by Congress for the current fiscal year to slightly over \$12,000,000,000. — Reuter.

KNUTSFORD TERRACE INCIDENT

The servants' quarters of No. 10 Knutsford Terrace, were visited by two men armed with a dagger at 2 a.m. to-day.

The men threatened the amah and decamped with a wrist-watch, \$3 in cash, and an electric torch.

BERLIN FIGURES OF CASUALTIES

An official statement issued in Berlin on Monday night's raid by the Royal Air Force on military objectives in the Berlin area, states that 25 persons were killed and 60 severely injured. — Reuter.

WARNING TO AMERICANS CONFIRMED

It is confirmed in Washington that instructions have been given to American consulates to advise all American nationals in the Far East to return home.

These instructions apply particularly to women and children, and to men not engaged on essential work.

According to Shanghai reports, the advice applies to Manchoukuo, Japan, China, Indo-China and Hong Kong.

Some 9,000 people are said to be affected. — Reuter.

State Department officials in Washington declared that the U.S. Consulates in China, Japan and elsewhere in the Orient had been instructed to suggest to U.S. citizens the advisability of utilising the transportation facilities at present available. — Reuter.

2,000 In Hong Kong

Some 2,047 American citizens in Hong Kong, inclusive of Filipinos and Chinese with American papers, are affected by the instructions received from Washington this morning by Mr. Addison Southard, U.S. Consul-General, to advise general evacuation.

There will be no haste about evacuation, however, said Mr. Southard, who said it would take place at the leisure of the individuals concerned.

Bomb Hits London Bus PRINCESS KILLED

Princess Catherine Galitzine, a Russian princess who was a close friend of the Duchess of Kent, to whom she was distantly related, was killed during one of London's air raids yesterday.

The Princess was 49 years of age and was travelling in a bus to her work in the Postal Censorship Department when the bus was struck by a bomb.

With her husband, who was an officer in the former Russian Imperial Guard, she has lived in England for the past twenty years. — Reuter.

NORWEGIANS DETAINED

When the American Clipper plane arrived at New York from Europe yesterday it was revealed that two Norwegian shipping representatives, Anders Wilhelmsen and Holter Sorenson, had been removed from the plane by the British authorities in Bermuda. — Reuter.

WILL VICHY ENTER THE WAR?

Possibility of a declaration of war by Vichy under orders from Berlin was mentioned by Mr. Churchill in his war review yesterday.

He commented: "What an irony of fate it is that this fine French Fleet that Admiral Darlan shaped to fight in the common cause against German aggression, should now be the principal obstacle to the liberation of France and her Empire from the German yoke and should be employed by her German and Italian masters, whose policies contemplate not merely the defeat and mutilation of France, but her final destruction as a great nation."

Touching on the possibility of a declaration of war by the Vichy Government, imposed by Germany and Italy, he observed: "Whatever happens, it is the tide not a mere eddy of events which will dominate the French people. Nothing can prevent the increasing abhorrence with which they will regard the German conquerors or the growth of the newborn hope that Britain will be victorious or that a British victory will carry with it the deliverance and restoration of France and her captured people."

"That is all I think it useful to say at the present time about Dakar or relations with Vichy, except this: We must be very careful not to let a failure of that kind weaken or hamper our efforts to take positive action and regain the initiative. On the contrary, we must improve and redouble our efforts. — British Wireless.

GOERING ACE PILOT SHOT DOWN

An ace pilot of Goering's "Yellow" squadron of Messerschmidts was taken prisoner after his plane had been shot down by a Spitfire into the sea between Dover and Folkestone yesterday afternoon.

The pilot, a 6-foot youngster, wore two Iron Crosses—First and Second Class—and he escaped unhurt from his wrecked plane.

Narrowly missing the spur of the cliffs, the bullet-riddled plane spun into the breakers close to shore.

The pilot leaped out of the cockpit when the plane splashed into the water and waded ashore where sentries arrested him. — Reuter.

CHINA GRATIFIED

MR. QUO TAI-CHI, CHINESE AMBASSADOR IN LONDON, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY THAT THE REOPENING OF THE BURMA ROAD WAS A MATTER FOR DEEP SATISFACTION BUT CERTAINLY WAS NO SURPRISE.

For what was the result of its closure but that Japan immediately proceeded to arrest British subjects right and left, invade Indo-China and conclude a military pact with Germany and Italy.

Among Chinese, the present news would arouse hopes that a new chapter in British policy in the Far East is now opening, one in close cooperation with the United States and China and it was to be hoped, Russia. — Reuter.

BOMB HITS BUSES IN MAIN LONDON ARTERY

Train Hit By Falling Debris: Several Killed Few Raiders GERMAN PARACHUTES Penetrate Defences FOUND

A BOMB WHICH fell on a main London thoroughfare seriously damaged two omnibuses and killed and seriously injured a number of persons during yesterday's Nazi air activity over London.

This is revealed in an official communique which states that during the morning enemy aircraft which flew over London at a great height were engaged by British fighters and several were shot down.

Some bombs were dropped but in spite of the fact that traffic was at its height, casualties were not numerous. There were, however, some fatal injuries among railway passengers when a train was hit by debris.

THE SILENT BOMB

Indications of two mysterious "secret weapons" have appeared in the latest series of Goering's hit-and-run raids on Britain. Both appear completely ineffective. They are:

- (1) Craters caused by bombs which no one heard, although there are houses close by.
- (2) A powder dropped in small white packets from a plane.

The "silent" bombs were apparently dropped at two places in the S. E. and one in the N. W.

A large crater was found in the S. E. not far from occupied farm buildings. It was not there the previous day and although various people were on duty within 300 yards at night when the bomb must have exploded no one heard the explosion.

Parts of the bomb have been recovered and are being submitted for examination. No damage was done.

Some experts put forward the theory that the bomb fell in soft earth and that the sound was blanketed by a building.

Riddle

The powder is an even greater mystery.

A raider dropped a quantity of it in small white packages. The police took possession of them.

PEIPING WOMAN'S "DIVINE POWER"

A 54-year-old woman who has been claiming the divine power of healing by the use of incense ash and who has established a paying business in the North has been arrested by the Peiping police.

A raid on her house unearthed a quantity of paraphernalia used for religious sacrifices and a number of scrolls presented to her by patients whom she was supposed to have successfully treated. She is facing the Peiping court on charges of practising medicine without a permit from the authorities.

A shelter and some industrial buildings were damaged later in the day when an attack was made by low-flying aircraft.

A few bombs were also dropped in other parts of south-east England during the morning but no serious damage or casualties are reported.

Three enemy fighters were shot down by British fighters and one of ours is missing.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command, without loss to themselves, shot down two enemy aircraft in the English Channel. Later particulars show that in the attack on London by low flying aircraft in the morning little damage and few casualties were caused but some of these were fatal.

Indiscriminate Bombing

Enemy aircraft, according to the official announcement, were unable to penetrate inland and again dropped bombs indiscriminately on coastal towns in Kent and Sussex, damaging houses and commercial buildings and killing and injuring a number of persons.

During an attack on Monday in south-west England damage was done to a number of houses and a factory. Casualties were not heavy but included a number of killed.—Reuter.

GERMAN PARACHUTES FOUND

Hundreds of troops searched the countryside around a small market town in the Midlands following information that German parachutes have fallen in the district.

Seventeen parachutes bearing Nazi markings were found within a radius of six miles of the town, but though every field has been scoured by the military or the police no trace of parachutists has been discovered. No crashed planes have been found to show that any airmen baled out.

Early in the day the drone of aircraft was heard continually, but no bombs were dropped in the neighbourhood, though members of the Home Guard, on duty on the church tower, saw the flash of bombs and the bursting of anti-aircraft shells several miles away.

It is thought that one heavy Nazi plane was over the town for a considerable time. There was a vivid display of searchlights, but the only air raid warnings given were in neighbouring villages and lasted only a short time.

In the early morning, two members of the Home Guard on patrol in a village a few miles from the town heard what they described as a swish and saw a parachute with no occupant land in a field. They gave the alarm and the church bells were rung in view of the possibility of parachutists descending.

Home Guard Search

Military headquarters were at once informed and a considerable number of troops were sent to the district; while the Home Guard turned out in force to join in the search.

Before the morning ended the parachutes had been discovered, most of them in the fields. They are said to be capable of bearing a weight of 400lb., although the average weight of a man is only about 150lb.

They were found complete with harness and the haversack which holds the silk, but with nothing else attached. There seems little or no evidence that they have been actually used for landing of any enemy troops.

Rumours that Nazis had been found in the district have no foundation, according to the local police. No trace of any landing has been discovered.



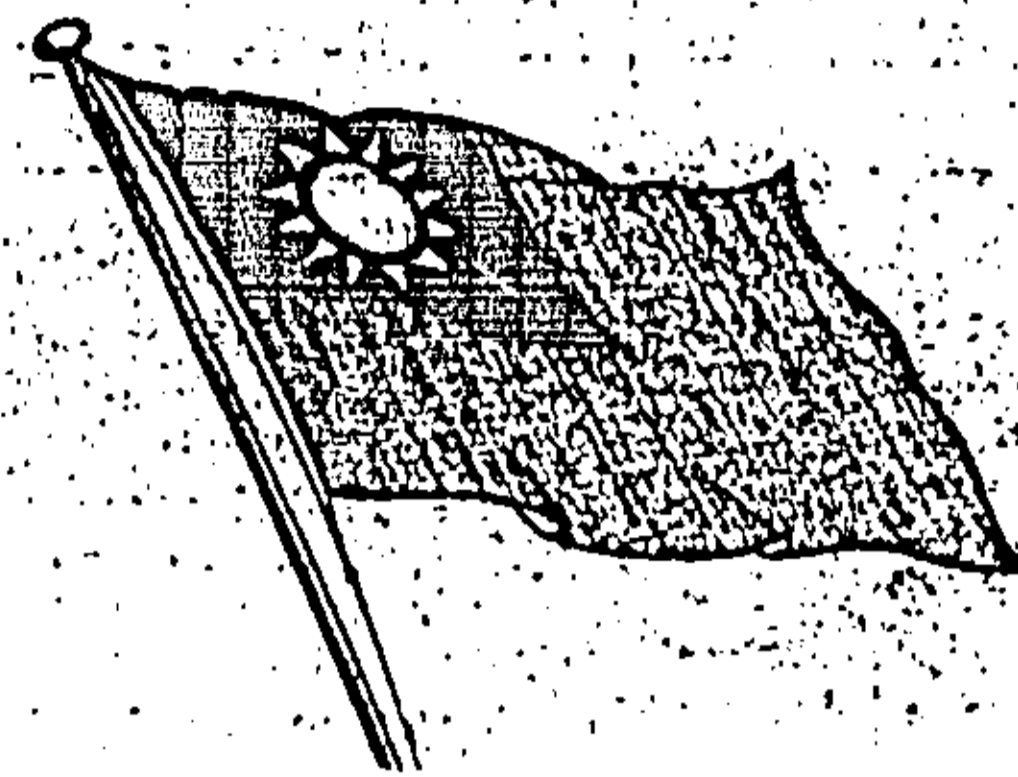
Ray Milland, Patricia Morison and Akim Tamiroff are at the centre of the romantic whirlpool in Paramount's "Untamed", the Technicolor production at the Queen's, Sincere, Lewis "Mantrap" served as original for the screen story.

GOLD EMBARGO (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The manufacture and use of gold has been completely banned in Manchukuo following the application of a special Government decree. — Havas.

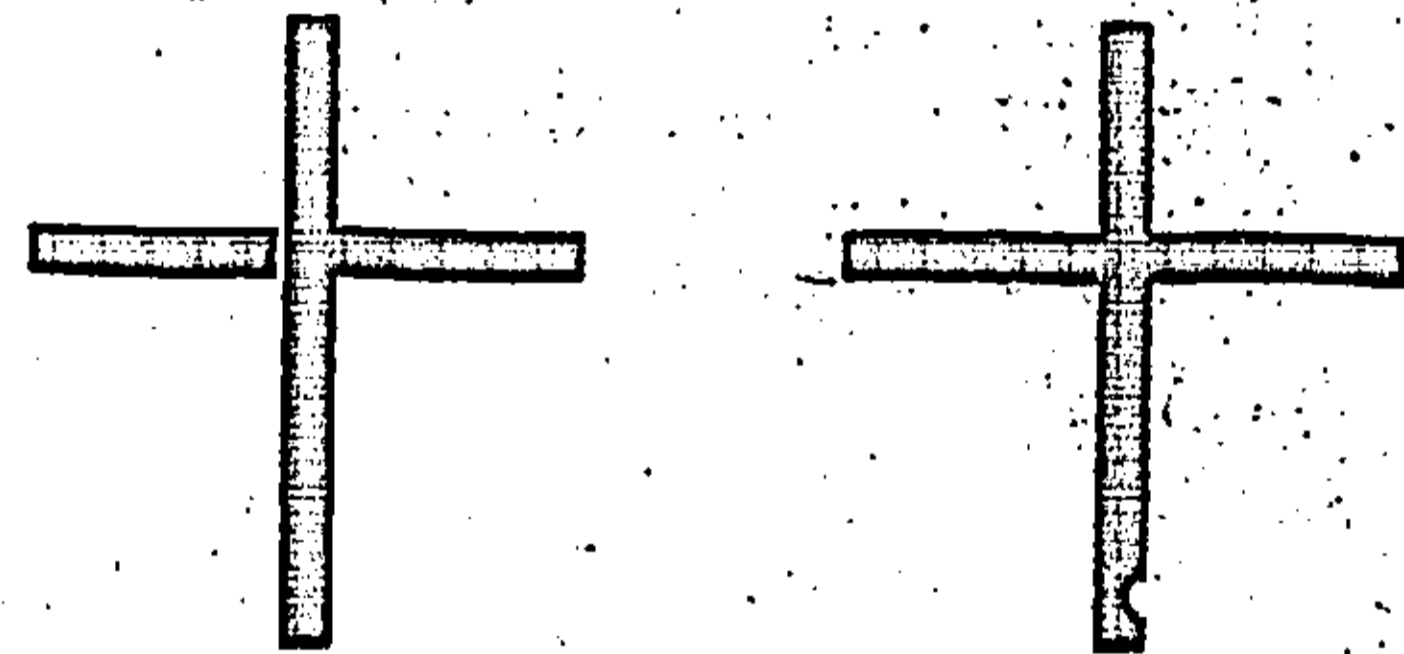
MORE DESTROYERS TAKEN OVER

At an east coast port in Canada yesterday, without ceremony, the Royal Navy took over two more groups of over-age destroyers from the United States.—Reuter.



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Hong Kong, 5th October, 1940.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on FRIDAY, 11th. October, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 7th. October, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

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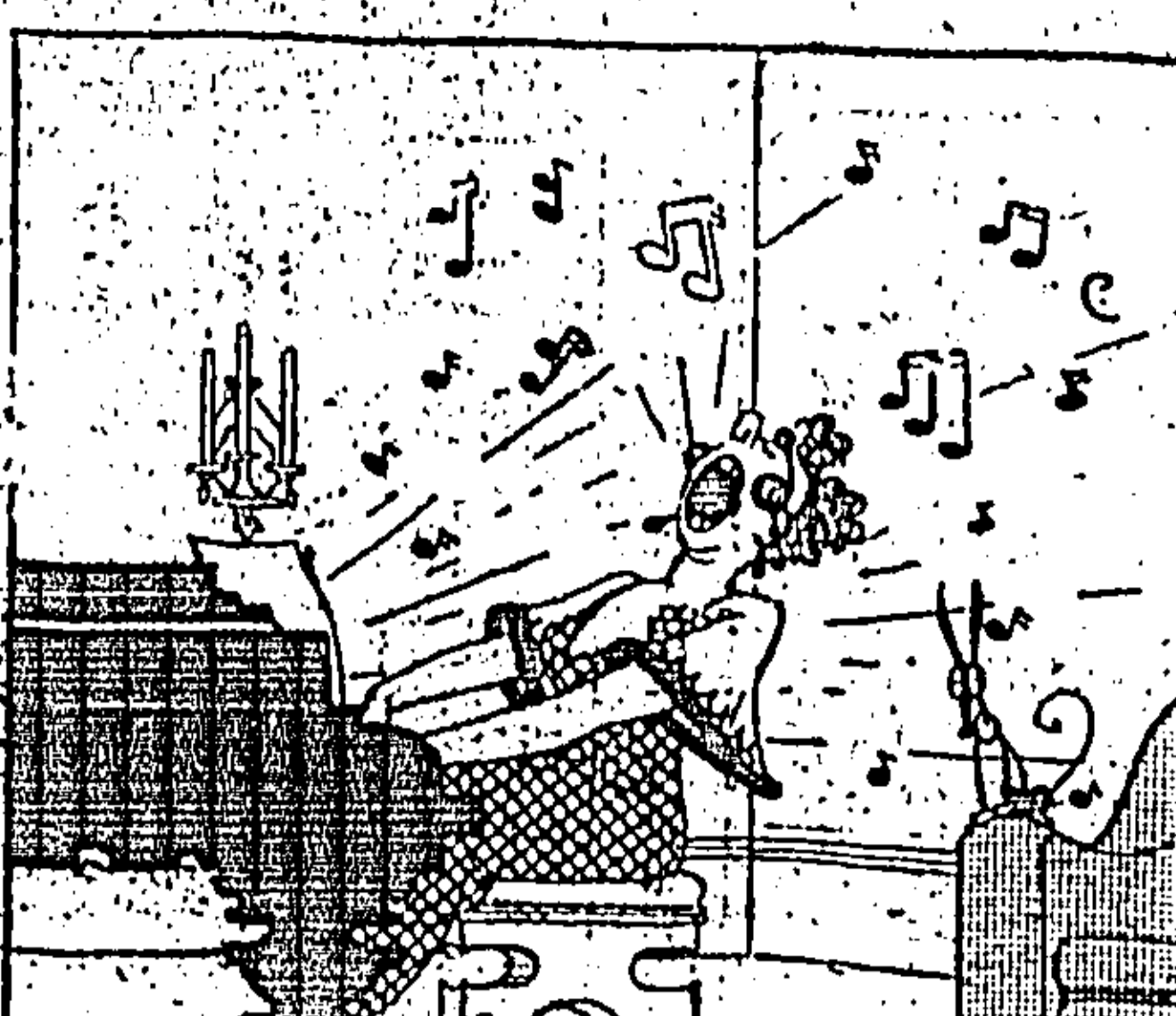
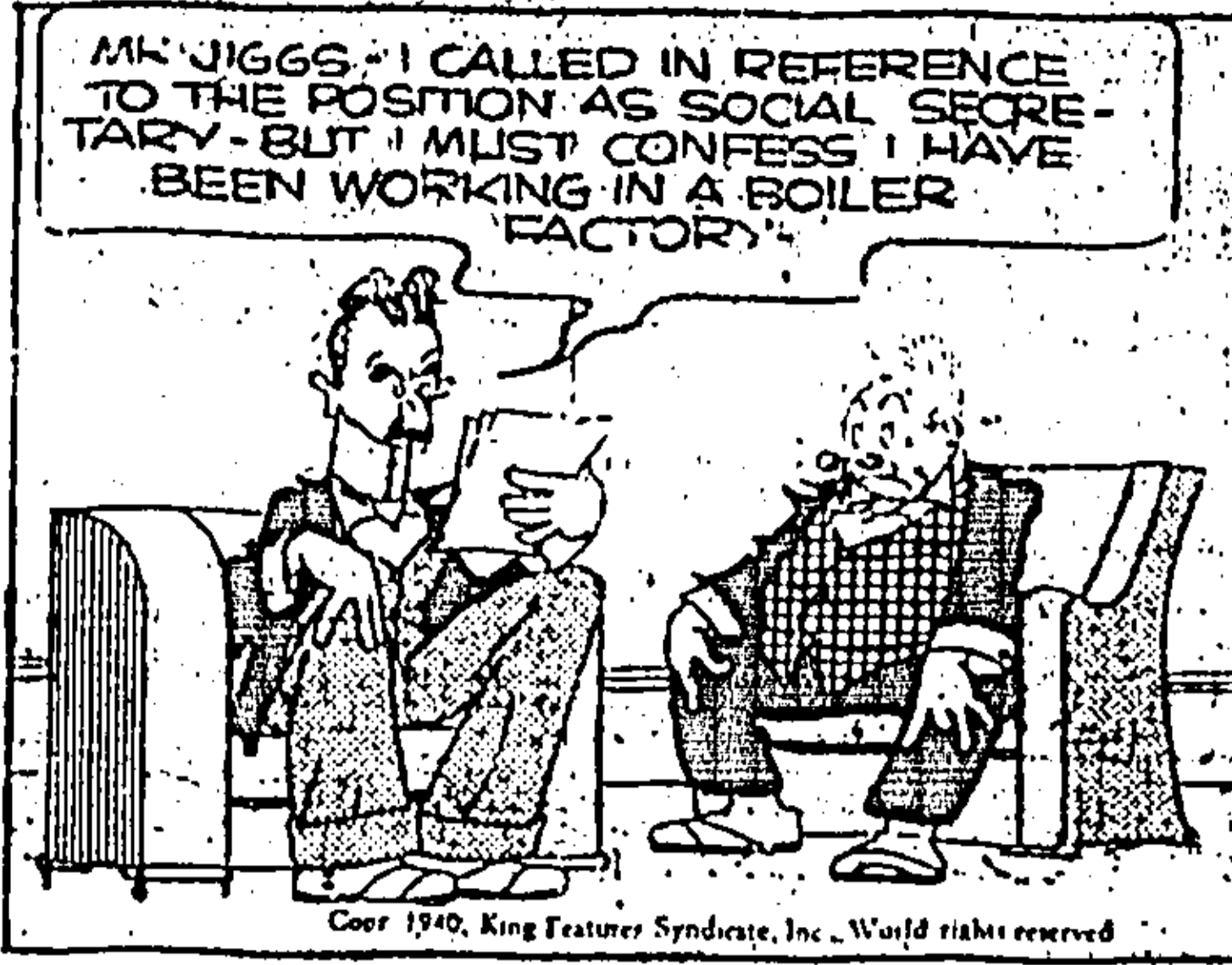
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Bring Up Father



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By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN Hot Oil Facial Excellent For Drying Climate

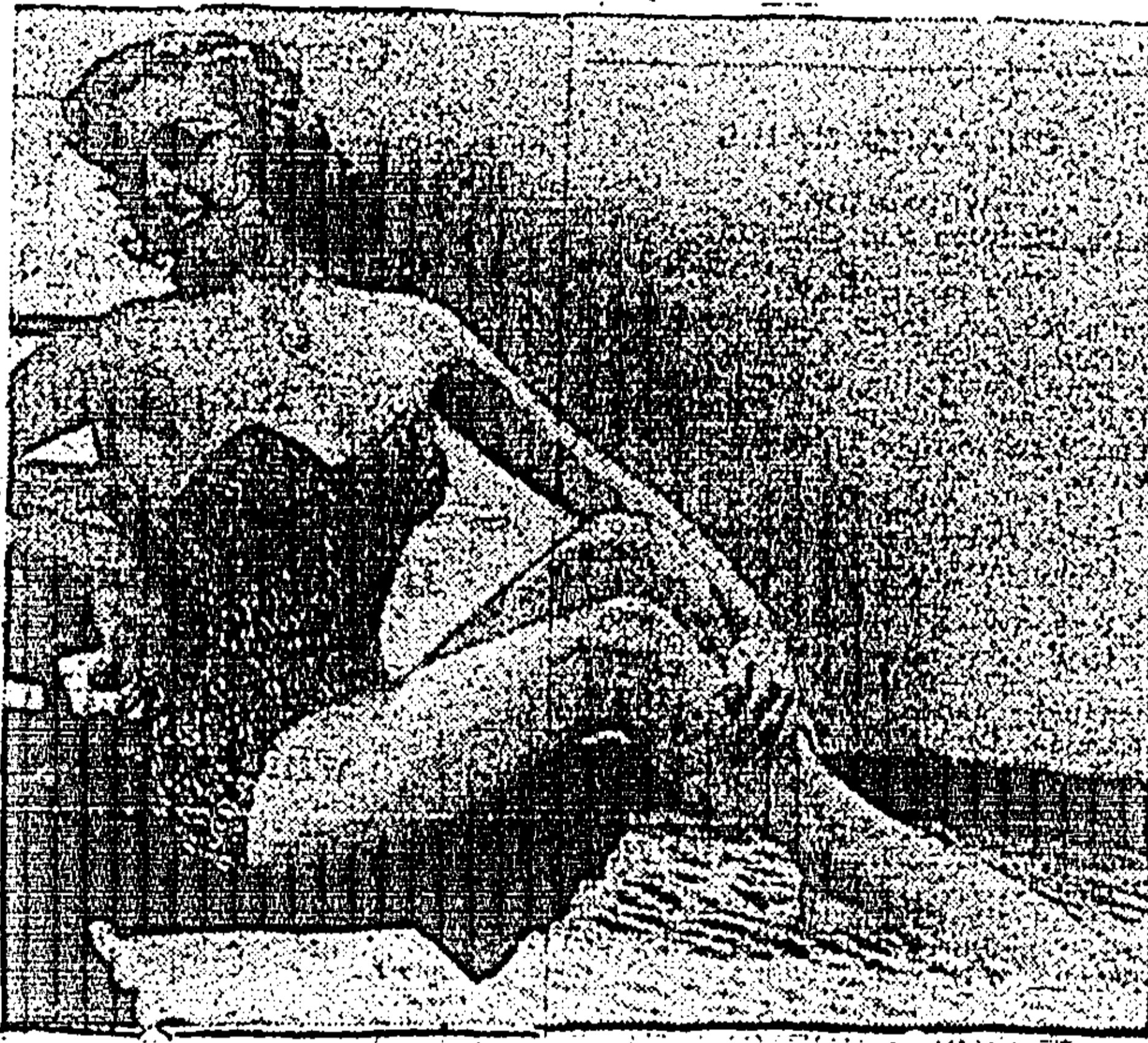
In a drying climate women are constantly anxious about the best treatments for dry skin and hair. They are naturally out of doors a good deal, and the sun took its toll of their beauty. So they resort to oil—an oil facial for the skin, and various oil treatments for hair. Being curious I tested two of these treatments.

The Facial

After a thorough rich cream cleansing (cream removed with a linen towel, not tissue), soothing hot oil with a delicate fragrance was massaged over my face, neck and upper chest, as I lay on a most comfortable lounge. Quantities of this oil was put on my skin and I was amazed how my skin literally drank it in. Over the oil more of the rich cream used for cleansing was patted and the two mixed by several minutes of finger massage.

If constant bright days cause squint lines, resort to an eye cream which is a combination of oils. This cream was put about my eyes just before refreshing eye pads were placed over them, and a cooling masque was tied on. For one half hour I rested in the luxury of a cool, dark, quiet room.

Then deft fingers removed the masque and eye pads and gave



SUSAN HAYWARD takes an early sun bath with her eyes protected, and a strapless suit to assure an even tanning.

my skin a good cleansing with a liquid tonic, free of alcohol. Just enough of the lubrication remained on my skin to protect it and before make-up was applied, more of the eye cream was used. To all this pampering and exquisite beauty aids, my skin responded admirably and I was very pleased

with it when I scrutinised it in a hand mirror.

Hair Care

Whipped oil shampoo is rubbed all over your hair as if it were soap and your scalp gets a workout too. After a rinsing, a pure castile soap is used for the regular shampoo. In some manner part of the oil clings to your hair and leaves it very soft and pliable and gives it a flattering sheen. It too serves as a slight protection from the sun's heat, just as the oil does on your face.

Both of these treatments are excellent for skin and hair if you live in a drying climate, where the water is hard, or if a heat wave strikes. Both may be administered at home if you cannot afford the relaxing experience of a salon visit.

PLEASING APPEARANCE

As dresses are definitely shorter, and as the knee-fashion season is at hand, no girl or woman can be called meticulous unless her legs are nicely groomed.

Sheer stockings reveal unsightly hair, and a very smart ensemble will lose all its dash if one's legs are not smooth. There are several reliable depilatories on the market, but any girl who prefers, may use a safety razor providing she soaps her legs before shaving them.

White gloves should always be fresh and so should lingerie touches. Soiled collars and cuffs quickly stamp their wearer as being careless. So do shoes which need cleaning or new heel lifts, spots on dresses, twisted stocking seams, dress hems hanging beneath coats, straggling ends of hair in back, or soiled looking handbags and hat bands.

We know it takes time to correct all these little flaws in dressing but time should be taken if you want to look fresh and desirable. If you set aside one evening a week to check over your wardrobe, or one morning, you will soon learn how to schedule your laundry and mending so as to look trim as a button all of the time.

Plan In Advance

Business girls who have very little time to spend on their clothes

find it most satisfactory to build a wardrobe around one colour and one set of make-up. If you have many colours in your wardrobe you must have several different shades of lipsticks and nail polish and you must plan what you will wear far enough in advance to have time to change your nail polish and to tuck the right shade of lipstick and rouge in your handbag. We have become so colour conscious in recent years, that no girl can afford to wear a lipstick or nail polish which will clash with each other or with the dress she wears. The most fashionable dress can look frightful if it is worn with accessories not keyed to its colouring.

Are Your Guilty?

The beauty of any hand is entirely ruined if nail polish is chipped or if it is painted on unevenly. Rather wear light polish, which is more easily applied, if you cannot paint your nails with a sure hand when you are using the vivid hues. It usually takes two coats of the vivid shades to cover the line where your finger ends and your nail continues and that means it takes twice as much time for the job as one coat of polish must dry thoroughly before the second covers it. Lighter polishes have their problem too, for your nail border must be bleached and whitened. Naturally fingers should be free of hangnails.



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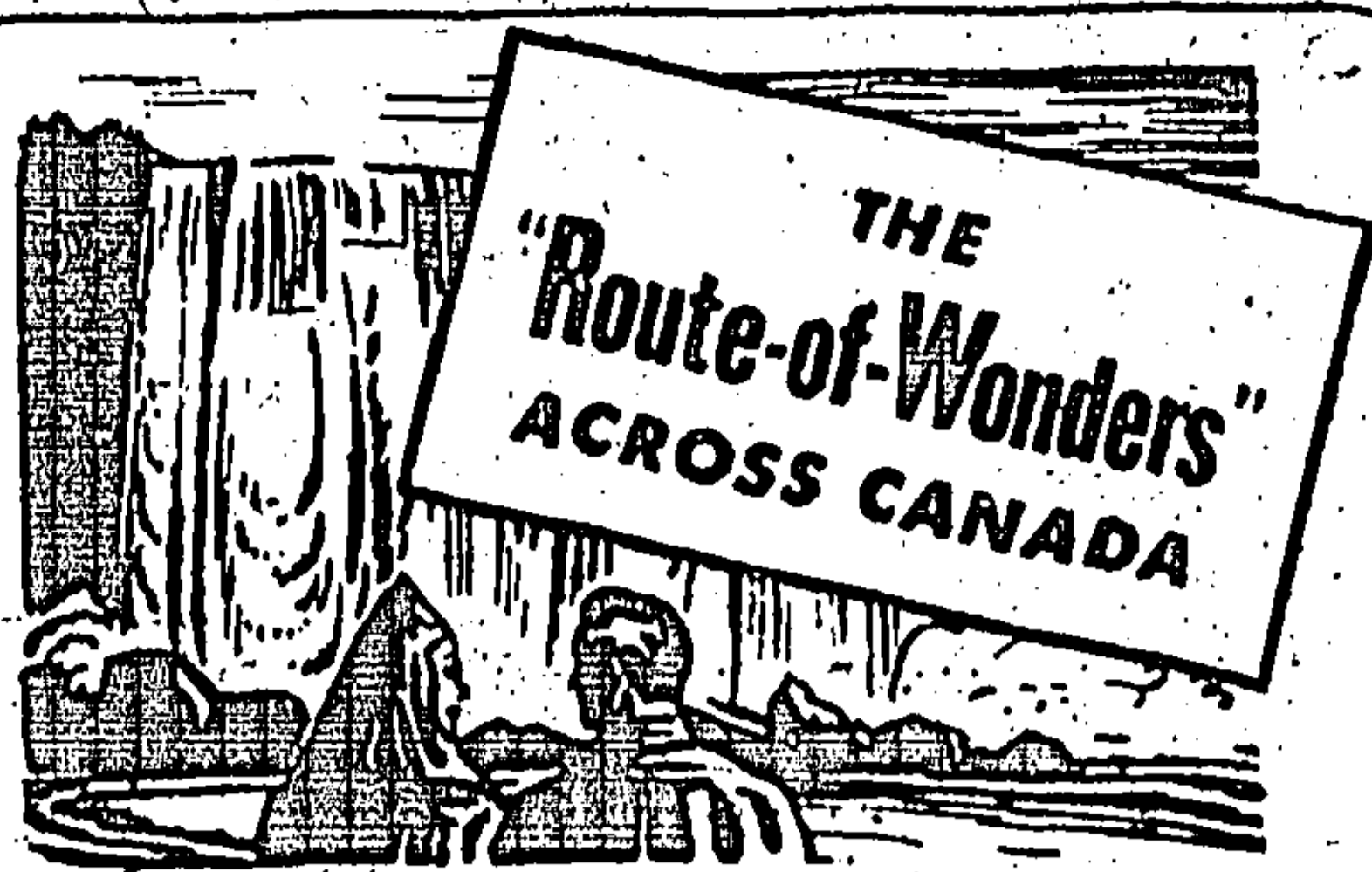
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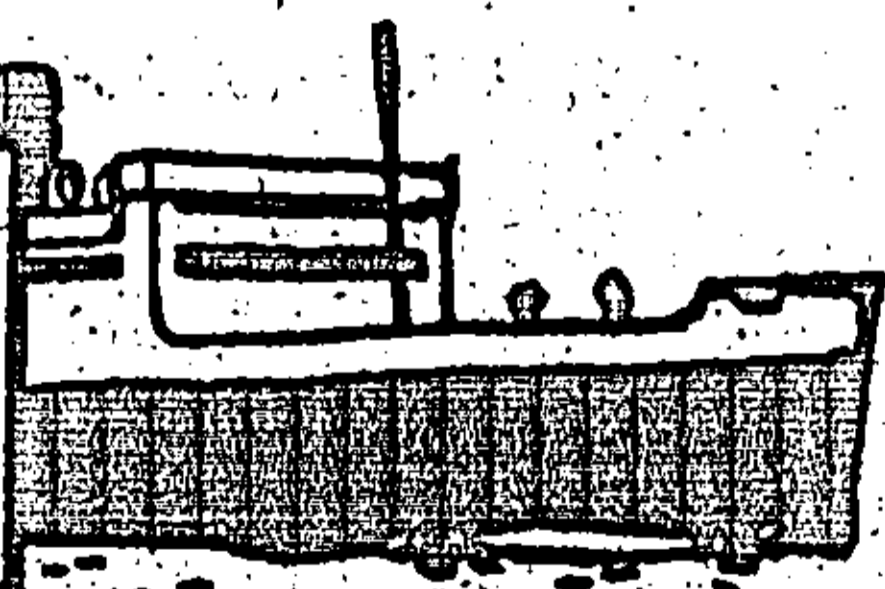
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1.22 p.m.—Three Welsh Songs.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 45 in F Sharp Minor ("Farewell"). Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra in A Major. Reginald Kell and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

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Love, I Pray Thee ("Le Nozze Di Figaro")... Florence Austral (Soprano) with Orchestra.

6.35 p.m.—Ireland—Sonata for Cello and Piano. Antoni Sala (Cello) and John Ireland (Piano).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—This News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Topical Talks.

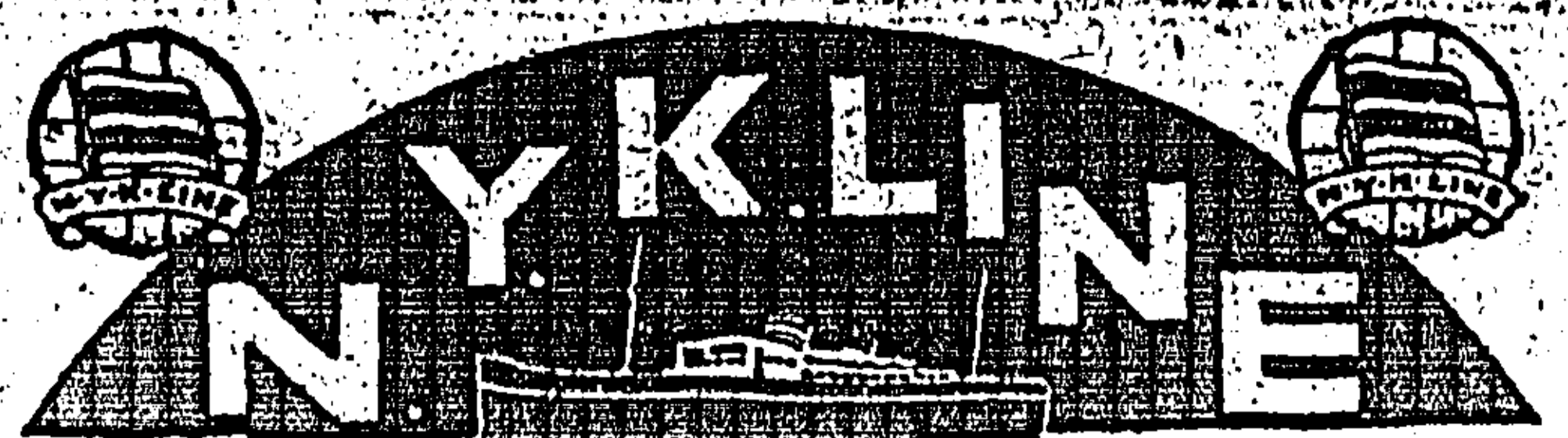
7.30 p.m.—Winnie Melville (Soprano) and Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

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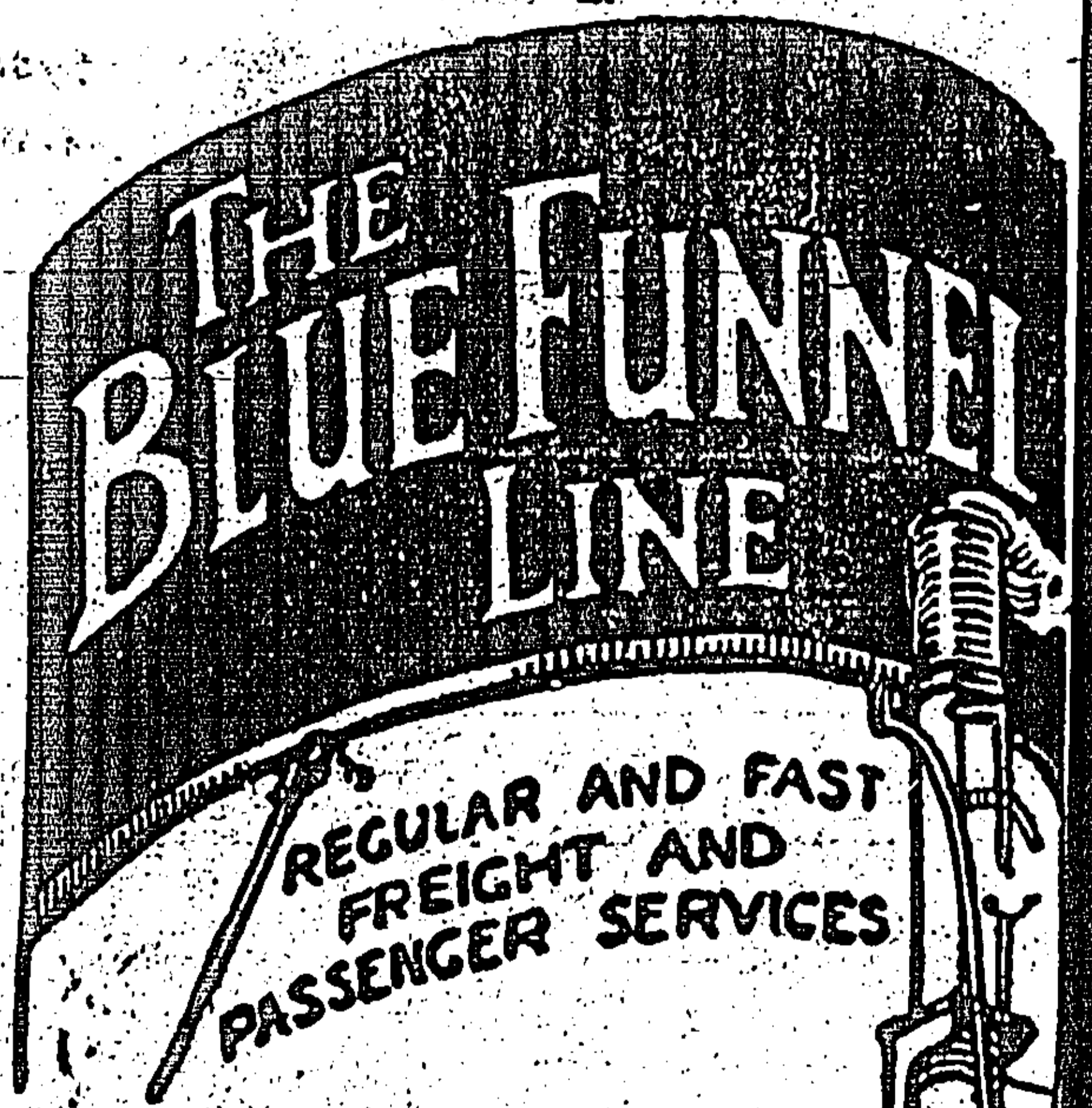
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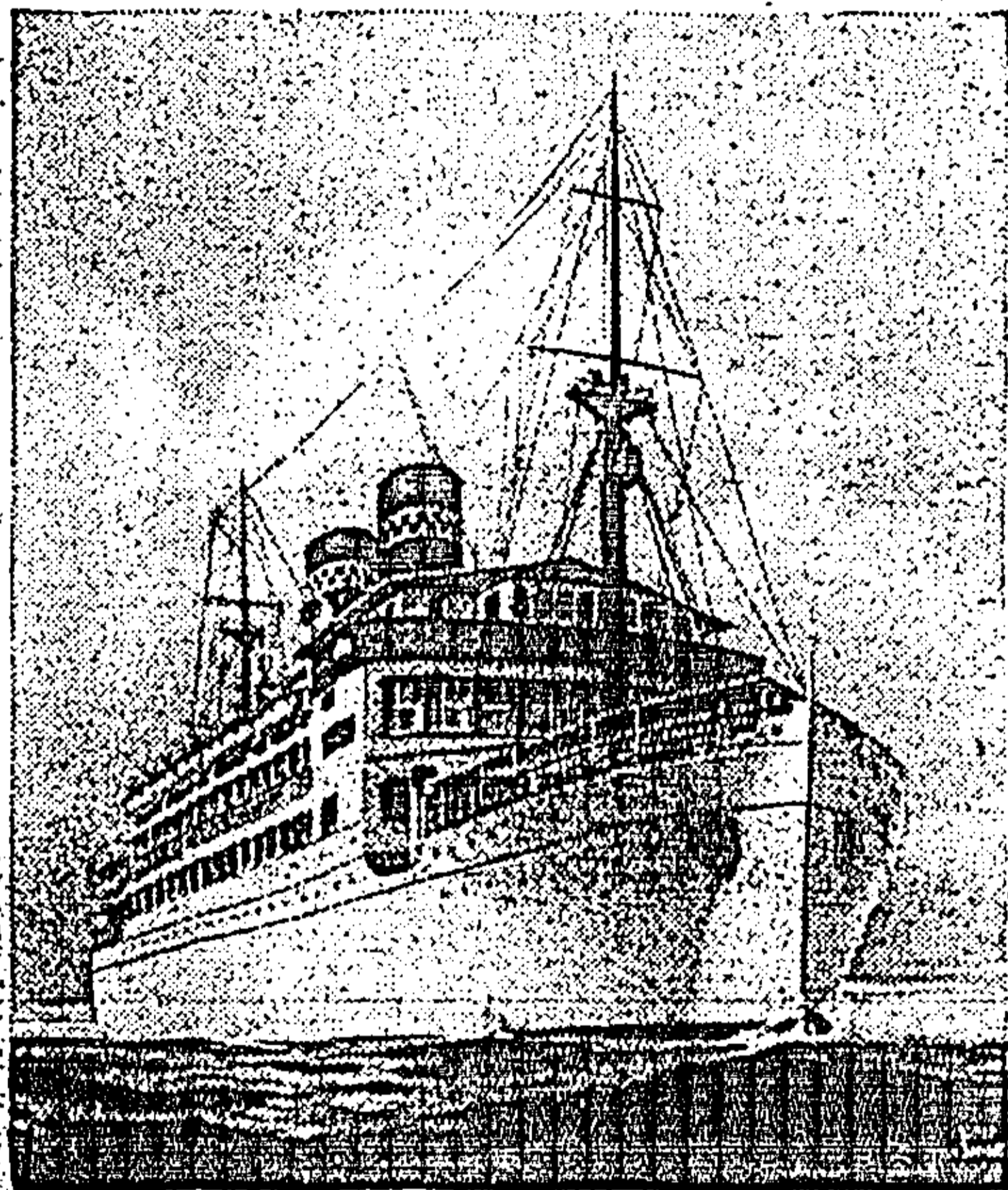
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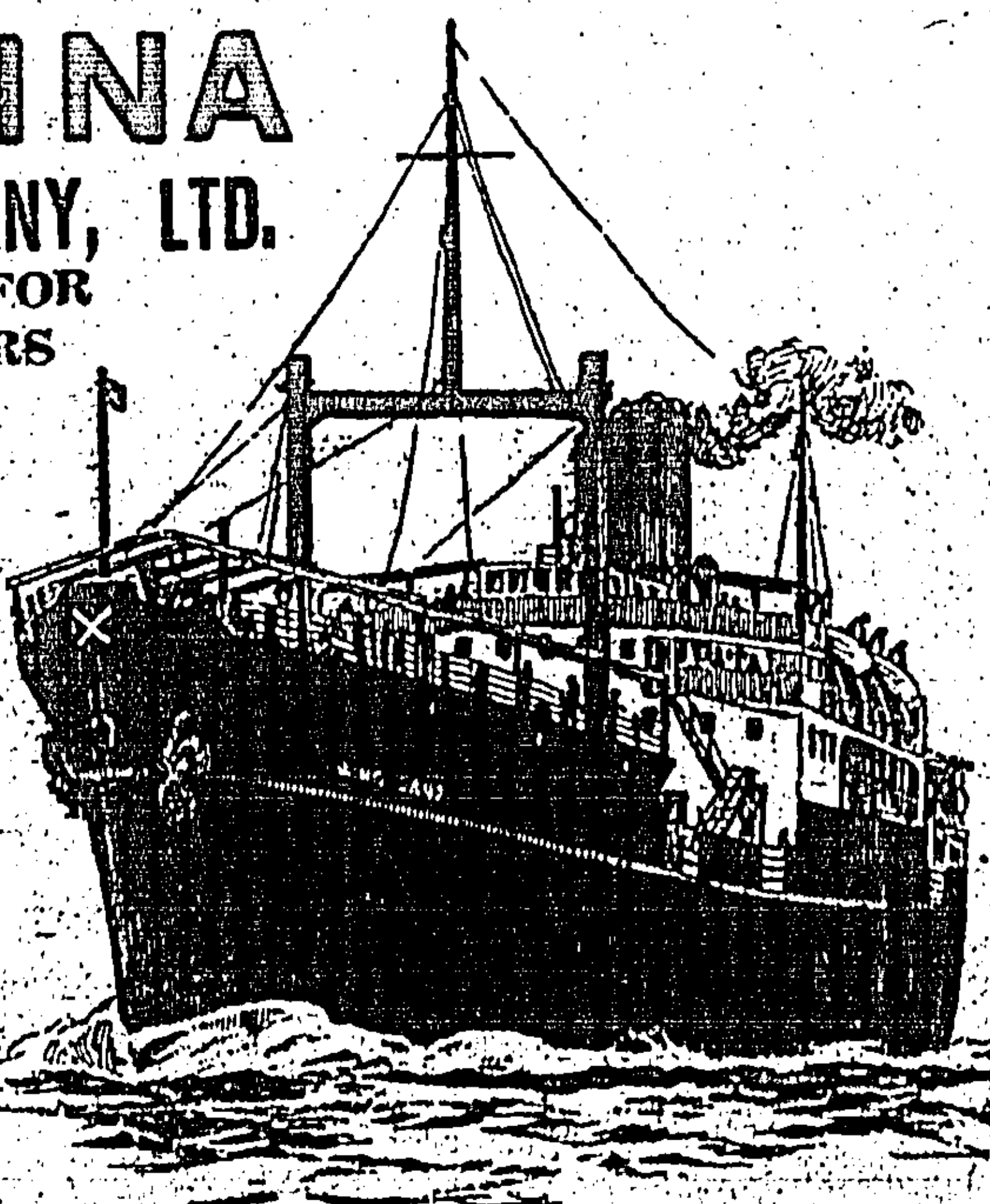
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RETIRED PILOT WINS SECOND MEDAL

Wing-Commander Francis Victor Beamish, who returned to active service from retirement, has been awarded the D.S.O., it was announced a few days ago.

He destroyed two Messerschmidts in June in France, and later shot down a Dornier 17. He already holds the A.F.C., and in February was mentioned in dispatches.

He got an Irish Rugby trial cap many years ago, and has played in the R.A.F. Rugby team against both the Navy and Army.

Wing-Commander Beamish is one of the "redoubtable Beamish brothers."

His brother, Squadron-Leader Charles Beamish, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in May. He, too, is a well-known Rugby player.

The third brother, Squadron-Leader George Beamish, played Rugby for Ireland in more than twenty matches.

Acting Flight Lieutenant Patrick Geraint Jameson has been awarded the D.F.C. In operations in the Narvik area he discovered and set on fire two four-engined enemy flying boats. Next day he destroyed a Junkers 88.

MESSAGE FROM DEAD SCIENTIST

Any claims by mediums to have communicated with Sir Oliver Lodge since his death or to have divined the substance of the sealed letter left by him, will be carefully investigated by the Society of Psychical Research before the message is opened.

Mr. Harry Price, hon. secretary of the University of London Council for Psychical Investigation, stated that he expected that hundreds of unreliable mediums and clairvoyants would claim to have received messages from Sir Oliver. "The Society," he said, "will have to be particularly careful because, once the message is opened, it might be seen by a number of people, and its value as a test would be lost."

"Even if a medium of repute should divine the message it would not prove survival. A medium of good repute might be so well acquainted with Sir Oliver that he might have learned the contents of the message by telepathy while he was alive, and unconsciously reveal it during a seance. Or again, mediums and clairvoyants might divine the contents merely by handling the letter itself."

It was pointed out that Sir Oliver's death took place on the 62nd anniversary of his wedding.

LINDBERGH ROAD UNPOPULAR

Residents in Lindbergh Road, Ipswich, so deplore the "anti-British attitude of Colonel Lindbergh" that they are petitioning for the name of their road to be changed. They suggest that it should be named after an R.A.F. hero.

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100 Electrics (New) @ \$35¼
103 Ropes @ \$5.60

STOCK MARKET HEADWAY

Industrials, especially heavy kinds, claimed the main attention on the London Stock Exchange yesterday and prices made further headway. Coppers and various miscellaneous minings improved. Rails were firm on expectation of an early announcement of fair increases. Otherwise the markets generally were quietly steady. Wall Street was easy.—Reuter.

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Lawrence has not been fit recently and has appeared in no competitive events throughout the season and so his form was an unknown quantity.

It came as an extremely pleasant surprise yesterday, therefore, when he swam brilliantly in the 100 yards back-stroke to easily beat Lau Yiu-ting, who has given A. K. Rumjahn so many hard fights this year, in a time only three-fifths of a second outside Rumjahn's time returned in the championships, and two-fifths of a second better than the time in which he (Lawrence) won the championship in 1939.

Good Turning

Lau Yiu-ting made a determined effort to run away with the race yesterday but Lawrence swam easily, gaining a little on each turn, and then opened up with his celebrated last-length sprint to win by a body's length. There were only two starters.

The 100 Yards free-style which was held after several members' heats, was a grand race and showed Lawrence at his best.

Against two consistent sprint swimmers, and Huang, who has shown his capabilities recently, Lawrence swam a well-judged race to win comfortably.

When, at the end of the third length, Lawrence was lying last in the field of four, it was thought possible that his effort in the back-stroke event had taken too much out of him. On turning into the last length, however, he soon put any doubts at rest and swimming strongly, he overhauled Huang, who, surprisingly enough, had secured a lead of almost two yards on the rest of the field, to beat him in the last 10 yards in 59 seconds. Others who took part in this trial were Ng Tsun-man and A. V. Ozorio.

Lawrence And Lau In

Lawrence has now been nominated for the Interport team and will take part in the 100 Yards Breast-Stroke and the Free-Style Relay. It is also possible that he will swim in the individual medley event. Lau Yiu-ting has also been awarded his Colony badge, although it is unlikely that he will be called upon to swim.

Results

100 Yards Back-Stroke:—1, W. Lawrence (70-3/5 secs.); 2, Lau Yiu-ting (73 secs.).
100 Yards Free-Style:—1, W. Lawrence (59 secs.); 2, Charles Huang (60-1/5 secs.); 3, Ng Tsun-man (60-3/5 secs.).

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Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Starting Times for Fanning:—
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9.20 " F. D. Hunter, W. Hewitt.
9.24 " G. E. R. Divett, G. R. Horridge.
9.28 " I. H. C. Hight, J. S. Lee.
9.32 " M. C. Carruthers, G. G. Altkenhead.
9.36 " L. M. Wylie, A. M. Mack.
9.40 " A. M. Kennedy, R. C. Gairdner.
9.44 " G. M. Park, I. P. Tamworth.
9.48 " Comde. Hole, L. R. Andrews.
9.52 " A. Mabb, W. A. Mackinlay.
9.56 " A. W. Bourne, I. H. Geare.
10.00 " F. X. Lee, A. M. Kirby.
10.04 " L. H. C. Calthrop, E. H. Williams.

HARBOUR RACE ON FRIDAY

It was announced by Victoria Recreation Club this morning that the annual harbour race will be held on Friday, starting from Kowloon at 5 p.m. sharp. There will be post-entries.

AMBULANCE SPORTS

The Annual Aquatic Sports of the St. John Ambulance Brigade will, by courtesy of the Committee, take place at the Victoria Recreation Club to-day at 5.30 p.m.

Lady Macgregor, Lady District Superintendent of Nursing Divisions, has kindly consented to present the prizes.

WOOD GIVES U.S. NAVY A LESSON IN PITCHING

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING FAULTLESS BALL, the Stanley Mohawks blanked out the U.S. Asheville in a nine-nil massacre on Saturday, featured by the classy chucking of Moundsman Wood, who had the Asheville batters eating out of his hand, and, but for Giper-Williamson's single over second, would have held them to a no-hit, no-run, no-error game.

The Mohawks wielded their pet war-clubs, and splashed the apple all over the place excepting where the fielders were. For the full seven innings, the Sailors paraded no more than three men to the plate, Williamson being the only one to have reached first base, but was snuffed out by a smart double-killing, when Pete Walters hauled down Hurst's line drive to nab Williamson at first.

The Asheville boys played a fairly good game, and only committed two bobbles, both in the sixth, when Sabo ungraciously muffed Tom Evers fly, and Tony Groverdale dropped a pitch to allow Pete Walters to steal home.

Rogers made the longest hit of the day, a triple, but was nabbed at the counting station when he tried to stretch it into a homer.

Kelly Singles

In the first stanza, Joe Kelly singled to make first. Harvey passed Kenyon and Walters to jam the bases. Finding himself in the clutches, he could do no better and passed up Tom Evers as well, for Kelly to romp home with the first Mohawk run. Feeding four more balls to Sal-

GRAPHIC GOLF



GRIPPING THE PUTTER BY BEST BALL

By using the reverse overlapping grip in putting, a golfer efficiently combines the guiding accuracy of the left hand with the smooth stroking qualities of the right. Both of these qualities are important on the greens; furthermore they must blend together perfectly for a top flight performance. Such a grip is not secure enough to employ for the more vigorous wooden and iron shots, nor would it be conducive to allowing the left hand to play its usual role in such a swing. In the putt, however, the stroke should be delicately attuned, and this grip lends itself admirably to such a performance.

Bobby Jones employed the grip above for years of tournament winning golf; it carried him through victories in four major engagements in one year. The club is taken back with the left hand and stroked through with the right. As most of the present day pros do now, Bobby used to take the club back with his hand touching his trousers so that there would be no straying outside the line. Frank Strafaci, who employs the same reverse overlapping putting grip, is also employing a similar technique in his stroke. (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

THE first games of the Small room for improvement on the Units' football competition are left wing. Units' football competition are left wing.

Association Football

Company of the Royal Scots at Sookunpoo tomorrow, 9th kick-off 4.30 p.m. The Signals should not have much trouble in taking honours for this game, although "D" Company have one or two excellent players.

Next Monday "C" Company of the Middlesex will meet "A" Company of the Scots at Shamshupo kick-off 4.30 p.m.

DURING the last week the Sappers have been doing rather well in their hockey fixtures. So far they have played four games, won three and drawn the other.

Hockey

In the first game with the Signals there was not much to choose between the teams although the Sappers won by 3 clear goals. L/Cpl. Shaw scored (2) and Sapper Taylor scored the other. The game was rather fast with the Sappers having better finish to their movements. Sgt. Dobson played an excellent game between the sticks and made many brilliant saves. The junior XI beat "C" Company of the Scots by 2-0, both goals being scored by L/Cpl. Grant. The match against "D" company of the Scots did not produce much hockey, and at half-time the Sappers were three goals down; in the second half they seemed to pull together and equalised through L/Cpls. Grant, Westwood, and Sapper Taylor. In their game with Royal Air Force they had practically all their own way and scored three goals in the first few minutes of the game, with the fourth being scored just before the interval. The final score was 4-1 for the Sappers.

R.A.S.C. are not doing very well lately in their hockey fixtures, although they are playing some good hockey. On Monday they were unlucky to lose to the Medicals by the odd goal in three. Flynn playing at left-half was the best Service Corps player on the field, and after not playing for such a long time, is still worth his place in any pivot line. Kirby played well and passed the ball about well to his forwards. There is

ARMY TENNIS

Interesting tennis was witnessed at Sookunpoo yesterday, when S/Sgt. Emberson and S/Sgt. Duffield secured the title in the Army Tennis Open Doubles (Other Ranks) tournament, beating Sgt. Webb and Cpl. Milne of the Royal Army Medical Corps by 6-1, 6-4.

S/Sgt. Emberson who had already won the Open Singles tennis tournament on Monday, is one of the leading players in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He was well supported by Sgt. Duffield of the same Regiment.

At the conclusion of the sports, Col. S. R. Hopkins presented the prizes to the winners as follows: Royal Engineers winner of the "A" and "B" League, runner-up Royal Army Ordnance Corps. S/Sgt. Emberson winner of the Singles tournament and S/Sgt. Duffield winners of the Doubles tournament.

H.K.G.C. CRICKET TEAMS

The following teams will represent H.K.G.C. on Saturday at cricket at 2.00 p.m. sharp:—
First XI (v. I.R.C. at H.K.G.C.):—H. Owen-Hughes (Capt.), G. C. Aitkenhead, M. D. Booker, D. I. Bosanquet, A. J. Dowar, J. H. Fox, M. F. L. Haymes, J. L. Jolley, T. G. C. Knight, J. L. C. Pearce and T. A. Pearce.
Second XI (v. University 2nd XI at University):—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), C. W. E. Bishop, D. G. Day, Serg. Lt. Com. W. G. Pinnis, R. N. R. D. Gillespie, J. Mackay, R. M. M. King, D. O. Parsons, R. S. W. Paterson, D. S. Robb and I. P. Tamworth.

League between Units of the garrison, and those interested are asked to send in their team and manager's name to the Hong Kong Area Sports Board.

More of this sport should be seen between units but the only teams who are keen on this game so far are the Engineers, Royal Scots and the Royal Air Force, who have already entered the League.

THE Annual Rowing Regatta is only a few weeks off and some of the competing teams are getting on with their trials and practice race. The Sappers

Rowing already have a proposed team for this event and are hoping to retain the "AH KING" Cup for the third successive season. Here is their team:

Stroke—Cpl. Bridle.
No. 1.—L/Sgt. Bowling.
No. 2.—L/Sgt. Sheldrake.
No. 3.—L/Cpl. Foley.
No. 4.—L/Sgt. Davis.
No. 5.—Cpl. Birrell.

The Cox will in all probability be L/Sgt. Dobson who is experienced at this work.

Other teams which are entering for this competition are the 20th Hvy. Bty. R.A., 24th Hvy. Bty. R.A., and the 35 (M) C. D. Bty. R.A. from the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., the 7th (H) A.A. Bty. Regt., and the 17th (H) A.A. Bty. of the 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. and the Royal Army Service Corps, who are entering for the 1,000 yds. and 2,000 yds. races. This competition will take place in the middle of November.

At the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps swimming gala which is being held at the Queen's Road, Swimming Bath, Victoria Barracks, on Saturday evening commencing at 9.30 p.m., there is an invitation to all Army Teams (post entries) (6' x 33' yds), and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance for this event.

H.K.V.D.C. have also challenged the Army to a game of water-polo at the conclusion of the gala, and here is the proposed Army Team: Pte. Berry, (1/Mx.); Eds. Hymas, (1/Mx.) and 2/Lieut. Millar, (2/RS.); L/Cpl. Bedford, H.K. Sigs; Sig. Allen, (H.K. Sigs.), L/C Dignan, (H.K. Sigs.), L/C Slater (2/RS.).

Reserves—PSM Ure (1/Mx.), Bandmaster Jordan (2/RS.).

The Final of the Large Units' water-polo competition will be played at the Queen's Road Swimming Bath to-morrow at 6.30 p.m. The teams for this final are the Combined Small Units v The Middlesex Regiment, Colonel Clifford, the President of Area Aquatic Sports, will present the prizes at the conclusion of the game.

THE R.A.S.C. did very well in a friendly Tennis match against the R.A.F. at Sookunpoo last week when they won by 13 sets to 3.

The Royal Air Force did not have a full team playing and the only regular player was Hemsley, who, with Highlane as his partner, managed to win two sets, the only other pair to have any luck were Bartlett and Brencley, Cpls. Shiel and Lucas, newcomers to the Colony, played for the Corps and did rather well.

THE Middlesex Regt. had a battalion trial match on Sunday at Shamshupo and found one or two promising young players for their team. The Medicals beat the Ordnance Corps by 4

Cricket: wickets in a friendly, with some lively cricket being played. A grand score was made by Lieut. Coombes, R.A.M.C., who added 73 runs to the score and then retired. Major Swyer also retired after knocking up a lively 26. L/Cpls. Reynolds and Stonor were the only Ordnance players who managed to get a decent score, both reaching the 20 mark.

"Rapier" Reviews Saturday's Race Meeting Upsets

The first day of the Eighth Extra Race Meeting of Hong Kong Jockey Club was held in brilliant sunshine last Saturday and the large crowd of racing fans who turned out were rewarded with an afternoon of keen racing, the finishes in some of the events being certainly most thrilling.

The "Daily Double" pool of \$6,425.00 carried over from the last meeting attracted an additional \$30,880.00.

Riding honours among the jockeys went deservedly to Mr. D. Black, who scored two wins and a third in seven starts. His handling of Eve of Harvest in the October Handicap, the principal event of the day, revealed fine judgment. This pony will have to be reckoned with in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions as the time it returned equalled the record, although it went out 11b. under weight per inches. Congratulations are also due to Mr. W. G. Poy, who rode Springhurst to a fine win in the Cantala Handicap, which was the first leg of the "Daily Double."

Honours amongst the owners went to the Eve Stable with two wins and two seconds, followed by the Lan Stable with one win and a second and Mr. Li Pochun with one win and two thirds.

Favourite Fails

The day's programme opened with an event for China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$750, and was confined to Novice riders. The failure of Resisting Time, ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai, was due more or less to the fault of the mafoi in holding on to the pony a little too long immediately the barrier was lifted. This resulted in 1,144 win tickets and 469 place tickets being worth nothing. The race was delayed when Resisting Time bolted before the start, and when the barrier at last went up Eve of Peace (Mr. Barrow) took the lead followed by Eve of Dancing (Mr. Wood), Blue Gate (Mr. Fung), Patricia (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) and the favourite, Resisting Time, struggling with the mafoi. When it did get going the favourite was at least 80 yards behind the field. This position was maintained until after passing the Rock, when Mr. Wood urged Eve of Dancing forward to take the lead and came home an easy winner, with Eve of Peace having the better of Patricia, whose rider tried hard for second place.

Another Upset

The second race, the Jordan Handicap for first section "D" Class China ponies, resulted in another upset when the favourite, Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang) dead-heated with Sunlight View (Mr. Pih) and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Wood) for second position. On the rise of the gate West Lake (Mr. Chao) took the lead, followed by Chatterbox (Mr. Black), Portrush and Sunlight View. On coming into the straight, West Lake was still leading and running strongly with Sunlight View, Portrush and Eve of Hunting in hot pursuit, and although Mr. Pih tried his best to catch West Lake, he had to be satisfied with second place with Portrush and Eve of Hunting, which came up strongly to dead-heat.

Craigavad Disappoints

In the main event of the afternoon, the October Handicap for China ponies over the Champions Distance, Confusion Bay (Mr. T. K. Li's stable crack, did not accept, and in its absence the struggle rested between Eve of Harvest and Craigavad, and I must admit that I was disappointed with the finish. The challenge which I expected from Craigavad was not forthcoming.

The race started with Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) setting up a fast pace, followed by Craigavad (Mr. Pih) and Eve of Harvest (Mr. Craven). On passing the Football Stands Distinctive Time still led with Craigavad, O-Lan (Mr. Needa) and Eve of Harvest (Mr. Black) in that order. After passing the Rock Distinctive Time fell back and Craigavad took the lead, followed by Eve of Harvest and O-Lan, but on reaching the last quarter Mr. Black began his challenge and Eve of Harvest responded game-

Rapier's Comments and Final Selections for the second day of the Eighth Extra Race Meeting will appear tomorrow.

ly, shooting out into the lead, which it maintained to the end, despite Mr. Needa's great effort on O-Lan after the latter had passed Craigavad 100 yards from the post.

Eve of Harvest's win was very convincing, and I think it could have turned in a faster time if it had been seriously challenged.

Second String Wins

The fourth race, the Austin Handicap (First section) for "B" Class China ponies, provided a surprise for punters. The second string of Kong's stable, Gay Star, carrying 166 lbs. and with Mr. Tao up, won the race to pay out the best dividend of the day, \$51.10. Jobor (Mr. Chao) got away immediately on the rise of the barrier, followed by Jennifer (Mr. Proulx) and Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih). On passing the six furlongs post Jennifer took a slight lead from Jobor and it maintained this until nearing the Rock, when Jobor reasserted itself to take the lead, followed by Galaxy (Mr. Liang). On coming to the home stretch Jobor was still leading, but it was strongly challenged by Gay Star, Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) and Conquering Time, the favourite, which overtook Jobor about 100 yards from the winning post.

Rowan Beaten

The Cantala Handicap, for "B" Class Australian ponies, was the first leg of the "Daily Double," and it provided race-goers with one of the best races seen for a long time. Mr. Poy timed his challenge on Springhurst to a nicety to beat Rowan (Mr. Hearne), red hot favourite, by a short head and pay the second best dividend of the day.

Franklin (Mr. Chao) took the lead, followed by Sea Jay (Mr. Craven), Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa) and Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx). On passing the six furlongs post Flying Dutchman overtook Franklin and led up to the Rock, when Sea Jay forged ahead followed by Happy Landing (Mr. Davis), Triumphant Day (Mr. Sung) and Winfred (Mr. Pih). On coming down the home stretch Murrumbidgee (Mr. Black), which was until then shut out, came out on the outside to take the lead from Sea Jay, followed by Rowan on the rails and Springhurst further behind. On reaching the Public Stands, Rowan overtook Murrumbidgee, and it looked every inch a winner, but Mr. Poy called for a real effort from Springhurst, and the pony responded perfectly to beat Rowan by a short head. Murrumbidgee was very unlucky in this race as the pony was blocked all the way round, and the only course for Mr. Black to adopt was to bring it out from the outside, and this called for a great deal from the pony, and it consequently lacked a strong finish and had to remain content with third position.

Valorous' Great Bid

In the sixth race, the second section of the Jordan Handicap, for "D" Class China ponies, This Time showed itself a game little pony when it won when carrying 168 lbs. Mr. Wei certainly knows how to handle this great hearted pony. Palmer (Mr. Tang) made the running fairly fast, with This Time, and Double Chance (Mr. Chao) following, but on coming down the straight Palmer faded out of the race and This Time took the lead, hotly pursued by Valorous (Mr. Hearne), which had passed Double Chance. These two ponies then fought out the



finish, but This Time proved to be the stronger and its win over Valorous gave satisfaction to its numerous backers.

Won From Start

Those who successfully nominated Springhurst to win the first leg of the "Daily Double" were not presented with too great a problem in making the right choice in the second leg, which was the second section of the Austin Handicap for "B" Class China ponies. The race was won by Peaceful View (Mr. Pih) from the very start. Taking the lead, the pony never looked back, and, despite Mr. Needa's effort on King Kong it was unable to make any impression on the leader. Expansion Time (Mr. Wei) did very well to come in third. Avon, the favourite, was a disappointment, probably due to its heavy burden of 168 lbs. There were 126 ticket holders out of 751 who had faith in Peaceful View, and they were each rewarded with the handsome sum of \$296.10.

Favourite Wins

The last race of the day, the Williamstown Handicap for "D" Class Australian ponies over the mile, resulted in another favourite winning and here again Warrego River's win was due to good jockeyship on the part of Mr. D. Black, who handled his mount very well to record his second win of the day. On the rise of the barrier Tarzan (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) jumped into the lead, followed by Grand Allegiance (Mr. Pih), Quick Despatch (Mr. Trevorton) and Colorado Star (Mr. Davis), whereas the second favourite, Catterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne), was last. On passing the Rock Tarzan was still leading, but Warrego River was content to keep it in view, and on rounding the bend Mr. Black forged ahead and went on to win fairly comfortably. Catterick Bridge, although left badly behind, did extremely well to secure second position. Colorado Star was third, another four lengths behind. If it had not suffered from a bad start Catterick Bridge would probably have won.

CLUB SHOW UP WELL

Although disappointing in the respect that owing to last-minute calls, Navy were unable to turn out their originally selected side, yesterday's match between Hong Kong Hockey Club and a naval team at King's Park revealed that Club will be stronger this year than for some seasons past.

The team showed fine balance in all departments, the introduction of D. McLellan to the right-half berth and Capt. Patterson to the left-wing adding needed strengthening.

Club won yesterday by 6 goals to nil, the scorers being S. A. Fowler (3), Capt. Patterson (2) and D. Taylor.

Next week Club will receive their first big test when they meet the Battalion team of Kumaon Rifles.

HOWARD BEATS C. G. SILVA

W. J. Howard caused a big surprise in bowls circles when he beat C. G. Silva by 21 shots to 19 in the Fourth Round of the open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship yesterday.

At the 16th head Silva was being led by 15-12, but took the lead at the next when he scored a four. Howard then scored a four to take the lead again. Howard won on the 22nd head.

At Craigengower Cricket Club, A. M. Holland, a former champion was defeated by F. J. Jones of Civil Service by 21 shots to 13.

Hollands scored 12 shots over the first 16 heads but was only able to add a single at the remaining heads.

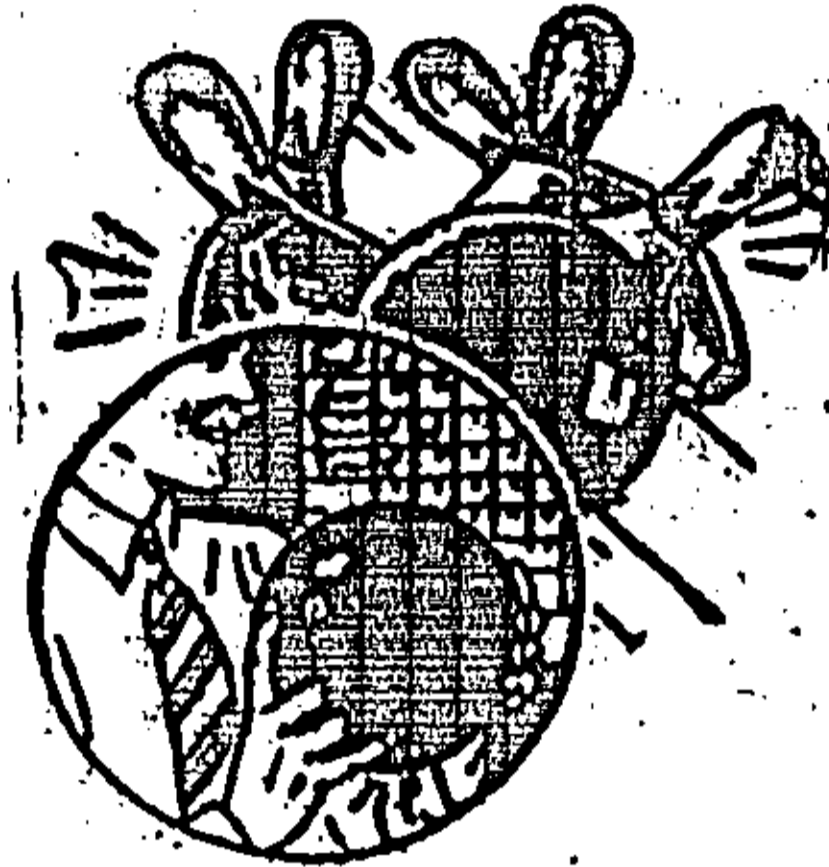
H.K.V.D.C. BOWLS ENTRIES

Unit sports representatives of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps are reminded that entries for the Inter-Unit competition for the "China Mail" Cup close at 5 p.m. this evening.

To 11 a.m. to-day, entries had reached 35. Further entries have been promised in the course of the day.

INTERNATIONAL BOWLS

Club Conveners are reminded that they must send in their entries for the International Lawn Bowls competition to the Hon. Secretary not later than 3 p.m. to-day.

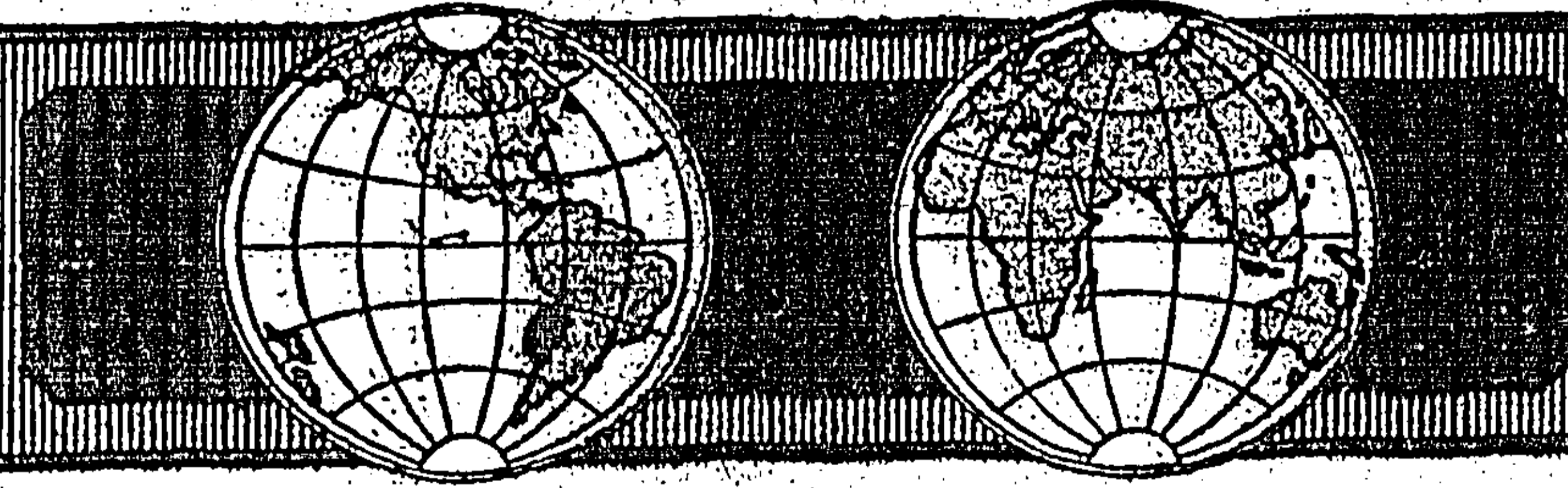


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CRISIS MAY DEVELOP

SOVIET INFORMED ON BURMA ROAD

In announcing the Government's decision about the Burma Road in the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Halifax stated that we had satisfied ourselves that the United States Government's views on this question were wholly in accord with our action and the Soviet Government had been kept informed of our decision. — Reuter.

BEAVERBROOK THANKS HONG KONG

The following cable from Lord Beaverbrook was received to-day by the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation: "The generosity of the subscribers to the 'South China Morning Post' and 'The Hong Kong Telegraph' War Fund commands my deep gratitude. They have given most splendid proof of the devotion of British men and women wherever they may be to our common cause, and in strengthening the Royal Air Force, they bring nearer the day of a victorious peace. In the years to come their action will not be forgotten.—Beaverbrook."

Lord Lothian's Holiday Cancelled

IT IS ANNOUNCED FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, LORD LOTHIAN, HAS CANCELLED HIS PLANS TO RETURN HOME ON LEAVE, BECAUSE WHITEHALL FEARS THERE MAY BE A CRISIS IN THE FAR EAST AS A RESULT OF THE BRITISH DECISION OVER THE BURMA ROAD.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

It is learned in official quarters in London that Sir Stafford Cripps saw M. Molotov towards the end of last week and discussed the general situation with him.—Reuter.

Lord Lothian made a statement to this effect upon leaving the White House after a conference with President Roosevelt arranged at Lord Lothian's request.

While declining to give details to reporters, the Ambassador indicated clearly that Far Eastern matters were discussed.

MR. CHURCHILL'S STATEMENT

BURMA ROAD AND AXIS-TOKYO PACT

ANNOUNCING THAT Britain could not see her way to renew the agreement for closure of the Burma road after October 17, Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons yesterday commented on the Axis Japan pact which he said was aimed directly at the United States.

Mr. Churchill wondered whether there were not some secret clauses in the pact, and added that neither of the branches of the English-speaking race was accustomed to react to threats of violence by submission.

Three months ago, Mr. Churchill declared, we were asked to close the Burma road and we acceded because we wished—to give an opportunity to the Governments of Japan and China to reach a just and equitable settlement of their long and deadly quarrel.

Unhappily this had not been reached; on the contrary, the protracted struggle of Japan to subjugate the Chinese race was still proceeding with all its attendant miseries.

We much regretted the opportunity had been lost but in the circumstances His Majesty's Government proposed to allow the agreement about the closing of the Burma road to run its course to October 17, but they did not see their way to renew it after that. (Cheers).

Instead of reaching an agreement with China, the Japanese Government had entered into a three-power pact with Germany and Italy which is, in many respects a revival of the Anti-Comintern Pact. The Pact binds Japan to attack U.S. if she should intervene in the war now proceeding between Great Britain and the European States.

Axis Gain

Mr. Churchill declared that the three-power pact appeared to be so unfavourable to Japan that he wondered whether there were not some secret clauses.

It was not easy to see in what way Germany and Italy could come to the aid of Japan. The three-power pact was aimed directly at the United States and also, in a secondary degree, it was pointed against Russia.

Neither of the branches of the English-speaking race was accustomed to react to threats of violence by submission, and certainly the reception of strangely ill-balanced declarations in the United States had not been at all encouraging to those who were the authors.

We hope, however, the danger which can quite plainly be seen will be averted by the prudent patience which Japan has shown in the gravest circumstances.—Reuter and British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

The Chinese Government has been requested by Britain to despatch troops to protect Burma if the re-opening of the road brings threats from Japan, well-informed Chinese officials in Chungking declared, says the Chinese press in Shanghai to-day. The British Ambassador is discussing the subject with the Chinese Government, the report adds.—Reuter.

The U.S.S. Mindanao left Hong Kong at 12.30 p.m. to-day, giving rise to rumours that she is proceeding to Shamen to take off American women and children. The Consulate-General stated that they had no information on the purpose of the Mindanao's departure, though "she is probably going to Canton."

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Questioned on how soon the British Government thought the Far East crisis might develop, he said it "might come through the re-opening of the Burma Road."

He explained that he had arranged to fly to England on Sunday, but "the trip did not look so good on Monday" and was cancelled yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull had a meeting during the day with Mr. Horinuchi, the Japanese Ambassador, who is shortly leaving for Japan, having been recalled.

Japan Told

Mr. Horinuchi had already bade farewell formally to Mr. Hull and he was summoned specially to the State Department where he had a forty-minute conversation with Mr. Hull.

It is understood that the Secretary of State placed his views on the Far Eastern situation before him to take back to Tokyo.

In a heart to heart talk, he is believed to have sounded a warning about where Japan's attitude is leading her.—Reuter.

Japanese Protest Foreseen

A JAPANESE PROTEST AGAINST THE BRITISH DECISION TO REOPEN THE BURMA ROAD IS EXPECTED ON THE GROUND THAT IT IS CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT OF THE THREE-MONTHS' AGREEMENT, WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE INCLUDED A TACIT UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION OF THE CLOSURE.

Japan is also likely to claim a violation of the letter and spirit of the Arita-Craigie agreement last year under which Britain recognised the special position and needs of Japan regarding China and disclaimed any intention to aid or abet Japan's enemies.—Reuter.

BRACED FOR THE SHOW DOWN

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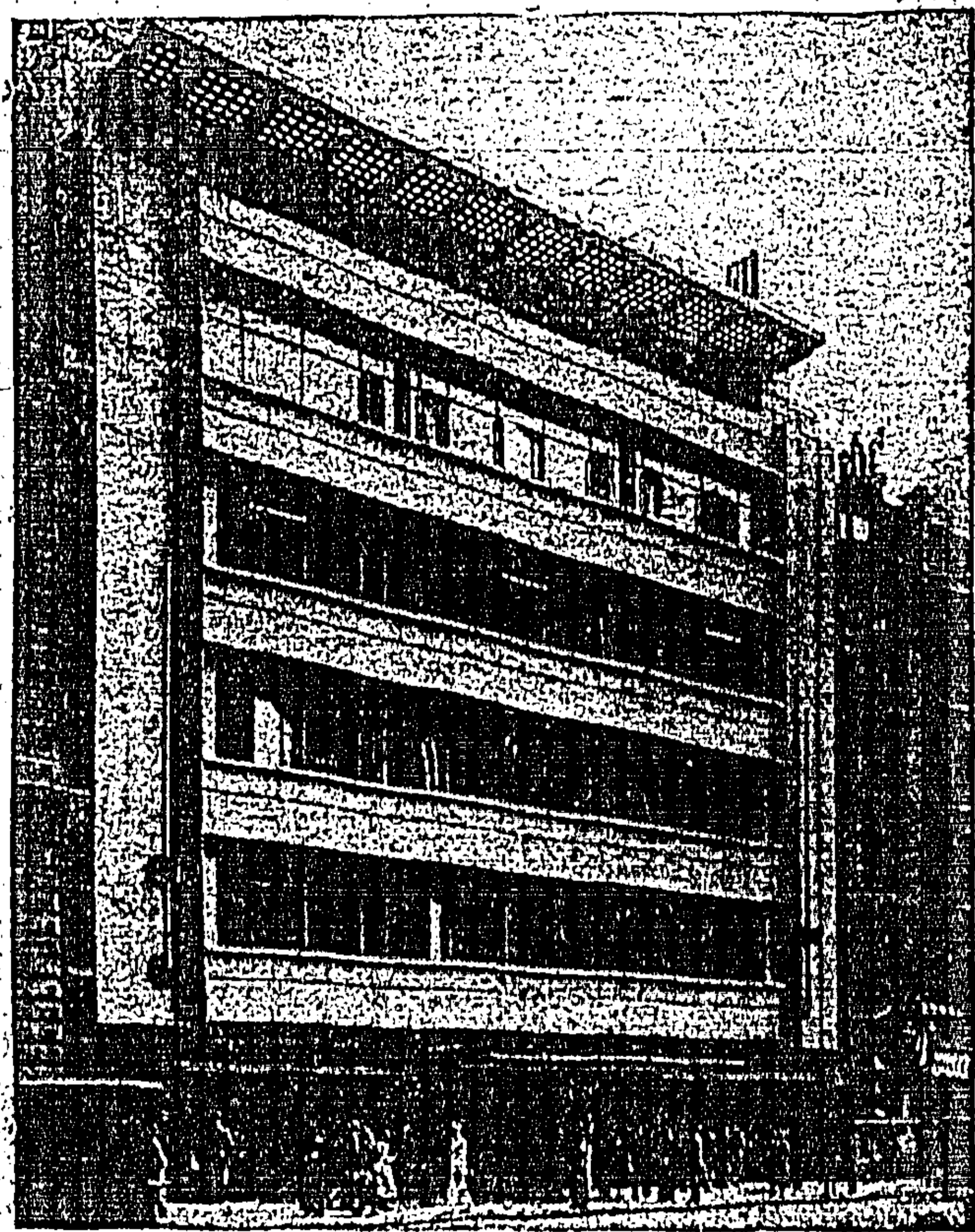
Asked if the Fleet was "ready for eventualities," he replied, "Not as ready as it will be."—International News Service.

Ready To Face Any Situation

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Considerable excitement was provoked in Shanghai by the announcement that the U.S. Consulate-General will advise Americans to leave the Far East.

The news was made known to the public by Carroll Alcott, who broadcast it at 10 p.m. last night.

First reaction was that the move is purely precautionary but also a definite warning to Japan that the United States is taking the situation seriously and is ready to face any situation, however unpleasant.—Hayas.



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